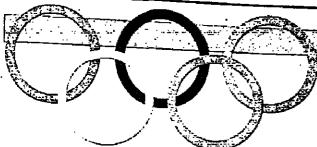
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Caroline Dickinson: was sleeping in youth hostel room with four other girls

Rapist kills girl on school trip

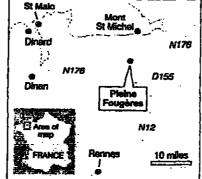
BY BILL FRONT, SUSAN BELL. JOANNA BALE AND STEPHEN FARRELL

FRENCH police were last night hunting the killer of a 13-year-old English girl who was raped and suffocated while on a school trip to Brittany.

Caroline Dickinson, a second-year pupil at Launceston College in Cornwall, was killed as four girls slept in the room beside her in the Pleine Fougeres youth hostel. 30 miles east of St Malo. One of the four told police that she thought she heard the sound of Caro-

line's heels "drumming on the floor" in the small hours of Thursday morning, but assumed that the girl was having a nightmare. Caroline had gone to sleep on a mattress on the floor hetween the two bunk beds occupied by her companions and her pyjama-clad body was found on

the mattress at 8am the next day. Last night the other children - 34 girls and five boys aged between 12 and - were confined to the building and being interviewed individually by



police. Officers were also planning to conduct DNA tests on everyone staying at the hostel. Besides the party from Launceston College, another ten students were believed to be on the premises and they, too, were being questioned.

The school party, which arrived at Pleine Fougères last Sunday, was due home yesterday but will now return

when the inquiries allow. The children were accompanied by five teachers, and a further three travelled out with Caroline's parents, who were were said to be "near collapse" after seeing her at a morque in Rennes.

Ian Wroath, the school's headmaster. said his pupils were absolutely devastated by what had happened. He described Caroline as "a quiet gentle girl — a credit to the college,"

One possibility being investigated is that she was killed by a prowler — one girl was said to have reported footsteps in the gravel outside the hostel at 4am. But Christian Couet, the mayor, said there was a night porter at the hostel and there was no evidence of a break-in.

"There has never been any problem there in the past. I went past there on the night she died and everything seemed to be as quiet as ever, M Couet said. "However the building is not locked up at night - it is like a hotel where people come and go,"

Caroline's body was found when her room-mates woke. Ronald Frankel, the

British consul in Brittany, said: "One of the girls touched her in her bed and she was cold. There was also some discoloration." The girl immediately told her friends and fetched a teacher, who summoned police, ambulance crews and a doctor, but all attempts at

resuscitation failed. Caroline lived with her mother. Susan, a mile from the school. Her father, John, lives near by. Last night Mr Wroath said: They are devastated. This is a terrible tragedy as anyone can

The headmaster added that parents of other children had wept when told of the tragedy at a special meeting on Thursday evening, although the other child-ren on the trip had been coping admirably. He praised the teachers on the trip, describing them as "experienced and dedicated professionals", and said counsellors would be available to help pupils, parents and staff. "We will

get them home as soon as we can." Mr Frankel said that the teachers had tried to shield the children from the

the teachers and the Gendarmes in the incident room took the initial decision not to tell the pupils the girl had died. We thought it would be too much. I expect some of them must have realised the worst this morning when the parents arrived." he said.

The hostel, housed in two buildings, was built in 1984. It provides accommo-dation for 55 people and is popular with school groups because of tis proximity to Mont Saint-Michel.

There are more than 200 youth hostels in France, all of which are responsible for their own security. There is no upper age limit, but children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

No overall rules on security in French youth hostels exist, although most are strict in controlling access. Some provide an overnight caretaker, some are kept locked and the guests are provided with a key, others have an entry-code

Town in shock, page 3

Terrorist 'was allowed on TWA 800 at Athens'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A KNI)WN Arab terrorist was reported yesterday to have boarded TWA Flight 800 in Athens, although he was removed by Greek authorities before the aircraft took off for New York and its subsequent fatal journey to Paris.

The report, renewing concerns about security at the Greek airport, came as American officials investigated suggestions that an Iranian group may have planted a bomb in the Boeing 747 which exploded and plunged into the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday, killing all

230 people on board. Investigators are still waiting to recover the aircraft's two flight recorders from the waters near Long Island, but federal agencies said that a bomb was the most likely cause of the accident.

Reports received by the State Department said that a terrorist was mistakenly allowed on to the aircraft at Athens. This is our only evidence of a breach in Greek security for boarding the

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a department officia said. We assume that the report is true and that his luggage was taken off the plane with him, but we are taking this seriously." However, a senior security officer at the airport denied all knowledge of such an incident.

Earlier this year, Washing-ton placed Athens airport beside Lagos and Bogota on the highest risk category for passenger security and Americans have been warned against flying there. The State Department offi-

cial also said that a reliable informant had contacted the American embassy in Rome claiming that Flight 800 had been the target of Iranian extremists opposed to American sanctions against Tehran. He is an Iranian exile who has proved a very serious contact," the official said. The Clinton Administration

made no formal announcement about the cause of the crash and Robert Francis of the National Transportation Safety Board, said: "There is no evidence of a crime yet." Nevertheless, the Boeing 747 is among the safest airliners in the world. The crew included veteran pilots with solid records and the weather was clear. There has been no evidence that the crew sent a Mayday signal.

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Jumping for joy: Annika Reeder, a member of the British gymnastic team, dreams of gold as she celebrates the opening last night of the Olympic Games in Atlanta

Ulster peace process dead, says Lamont

THE former Chancellor Norman Lamont today breaks the Tory truce over Northern Ireland by calling on John Major "to recognis that the peace process is dead".

Mr Lamont writes in The Times that the Prime Minister should abandon the talks for a "completely new approach".

However, Mr Major is preparing to urge Irish leaders to show greater urgency at cross-party talks.

Process dead, page 20

Hottest show on earth lifts off

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN ATLANTA

WITH the elitter of 1.6 million sequins, 5,000 fireworks and \$300 million of cold-steel security, the twenty-sixth Olympic Games were opening last night in sweltering Atlanta. President Clinton was to

declare the Games open after film footage of Martin Luther King's I have a dream" speech was projected onto a large, makeshift screen. Four years ago the Barcelona Olympics attracted 13 world leaders, but Mr Clinton was the only head of government this time. Other notables on offer were the Deputy Prime Minister of Croatia, his Cana-

dian counterpart, and Virgin-ia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary. Last night's fourhour ceremony was featuring another great symbol of the Deep South: a fleet of chrome pick-up trucks chugging into the stadium in formation. It was perhaps an unfortunate choice, as pick-ups are traditionally associated with rednecks -- good ol' boys whose idea of a grand night out is to dress up in white gowns and hoods and set fire

to black churches. For the athletes of a record 197 countries, the dream for the next fortnight will be of gold, although the thoughts of the Chinese team recently duck and fried rice. Yan Pingquan, Chinese team spokesman, complained about the food at the Olympic village. He said he was doing his best to encourage his athletes to eat, but they simply did not like the hamburgers and Southern-style ribs on offer.

An Irish 1,500-metre runner, Shane Healy, hopes his Games appearance may be seen by his mother Maureen. whom he has not seen since she quit the family home one night in 1972. "I have no idea if she is alive or dead," he said.

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Duke of York quits Navy for his family

THE Duke of York is to leave the Royal Navy in 1999 after nearly 20 years' distinguished service, the Ministry of Defence announced vesterday. The Duke, 36, who reached his decision after discussions with the Queen, will take up his final posting early next year, working behind a desk in Whitehall.

It is understood that he will then play a more central role in the official life of the Royal Family, filling the void created by the departures of the Princess of Wales and his ex-wife

Duke also wants to avoid long absences at sea that would prevent him taking a greater part in the upbringing of his daughters Princess Beatrice, and Princess Eugenie.

At the moment, the Lieutenant Commander Duke is in charge of training Lynx helicopter pilots, and he will continue in that role until October. In his new job, as executive officer at the Directorate of Naval Operations, he will be responsible for choosing helicopter equipment, in-cluding weapons, and balancing budgets.

Naval career, page 6



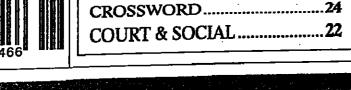
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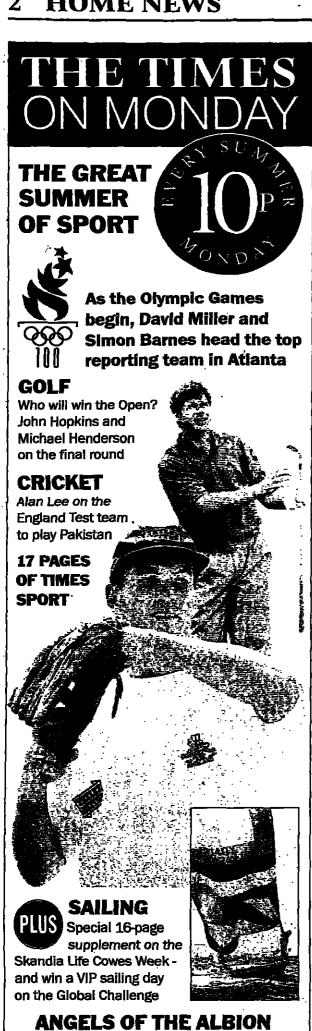




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Lang tells postmen: drop strikes or lose monopoly

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government sharply increased pressure on the postal union yester-day by announcing the suspension of the Post Office's letter monopoly from next Friday unless the present wave of strikes are abandoned.

The move, which came as the Post Office and the main postal union held talks at the conciliation service Acas, prompted an angry attack from Labour, which accused the Government of playing politics with the dispute to try to move towards privatisation. Ministers are becom-

ing increasingly irritated by the present round of strikes in the postal service, the London Underground and locally by firefighters, and are determined to take action where they have the most direct leverage -- in the Post Office.

A week ago the Government announced that it was going to consult the Post Office over the suspension of its statutory monopoly on carrying letters priced below £l. Yesterday Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, declared the monopoly would be suspended from July 26 to the day of the next planned strike - the day of the next planned strike by the Communication Workers'

off. He gave no indication that the planned suspension for the monopoly would only be for the duration of the dispute, raising fears in the Post
Office and the CWU that the Government will use the industrial action to

end the monopoly permanently. Mr Lang directly connected the Government's move with the dispute, and coupled it with an attack on the CWU: "The onus is now squarely on the unions. They can avoid the suspension of the Post Office monopoly by calling off their threatened strikes. If they do not, Post Office employees will know that it is their Calling on Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, to condemn the postal strikes, Mr Lang said: The truth is that Labour is in turmoil over strikes. It's dear that backing consumers by condemning union militants is still

something that sticks in their craw".

Labour condemned Mr Lang's "inflammatory" intervention. Mrs Beckett said it was entirely wrong to make the announcement when the Post Office and union were at Acas trying to solve the dispute. "Ian Lang should stop playing political games."

☐ John Major, touring Devon and Cornwall, accused Labour yesterday of being on a "sponsored silence" after Tony Blair and his shadow ministers failed to condemn outright

the London Underground strike.

The Labour leader merely said he had already made his position clear while John Prescott, the deputy leader, who is sponsored by the rail union RMT appeared to distance

himself from the party's new line. On Wednesday David Blunkett. the education and empoloyment spokesman, said that the strike was inappropriate" and that the parties should go to binding arbitration.

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500 women

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test scare

A hospital has offered more

than 500 women repeat cervi-

cal smear tests because doc-

tors are unsure about the original results. Another 32 have been offered the chance

to see a gynaecologist because of concern about the accuracy

The James Paget Hospital

in Gorleston, Norfolk, said

last month that 8,200 tests

dating back to 1993 were

being re-examined because of

doubts about their accuracy.

A member of the hospital's

screening staff has been suspended.

John Kennedy, a prospective

Tory parliamentary candi-

date, won his High Court libel

action against Brian Wilson,

Labour's campaign manager, and David Hill, chief press spokesman. They agreed to

pay substantial damages over

a press release alleging Mr Kennedy had "links" with Radovan Karadzic the Bosni-

Widow's victory

Margaret McTear, whose

husband died of cancer three

years ago, has won the right to sue a tobacco company for

compensation. The Court of Session in Edinburgh yester-

day rejected Imperial Tobac-

an-Serb leader.

Libel case won

Tory memo seals fate of private rail scheme

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

a £3 billion plan for a private freight railway through the English shires that has an-gered Tory MPs whose constituencies lie along the route. In a memorandum to Tory MPs published yesterday, the Government said it was "not persuaded" to support the proposal, which is due to be debated in the Commons on Wednesday. Although the Government is required to remain neutral while the scheme is being considered, the memorandum has almost certainly sealed its fate.

The move has infuriated the private consortium behind the scheme, Central Railway, A senior source said that it was considering legal action on the ground that the Government had broken the terms of the legislation under which the scheme was being brought before Parliament. "When a Conservative Government calls on people to invest in public infrastructure, as we are doing, it is absolutely crazy for them then to say by the way, we are going to pull the

wheels off the train'," he said. The proposals are for a 180mile railway from the Mid-lands to the Channel Tunnel capable of carrying the equivalent of a million truck loads of freight a year. Central railway will bring huge envi-ronmental benefits to Britain and can be built at no cost to the taxpayer, creating about 5,000 jobs in the process. It has already secured compensation deals with hundreds of householders whose property values

would be affected Labour and the Liberal Democrats have said they oppose the scheme, and Labour MPs with a constituency interest are organising an

informal whip on Wednesday. The timing of the vote. announced in the Commons last week, has made it more likely that the scheme will be defeated. It is planned for the end of a 90-minute debate at about 8pm on Wednesday, the same day as the Shadow Cabinet elections, ensuring

THE Government is to thwart that most Labour MPs will be at Westminster. Opponents of the scheme had feared that, so close to the summer recess. many MPs would already be on holiday. The memorandum means that most MPs on the Government "payroll" will also oppose the railway, although formally it will be a

The memorandum said:

"The project would transfer freight from road to rail. which is consistent with the Government's transport policies ... The Government is not, however, persuaded that the proposals have such substantial merit as to enable it to commend the application to Parliament. It has therefore been decided that its stance on the scheme is neutral."

Under the 1992 Transport and Works Act the Government is obliged to bring infrastructure projects deemed to be of "national significance" before both Houses. Only when they have been given majority votes in the Commons and the Lords can they proceed to a public inquiry. James Pawsey, Tory MP for

Rugby and Kenilworth, said: "There is no need to spend E3 billion when for £100 to £150 million you could have a better scheme on the West Coast main line with no believe the House of Commons will vote it down on cost grounds and because it will cause environmental damage to a great number of people."



Pawsey: warned of environmental damage



Sunbathers were surprised to see Mr Major looking at them over the sea wall

Pledge to end 'quota hopping'

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

JOHN MAJOR promised yesterday to get tough with the European Union over foreign trawlermen registering their boats in Britain to catch British fish.

At a meeting with Cornish fishermen in St Ives, the Prime Minister said that next week the Government would propose amendments to the Treaty of Rome to stop the practice "quota hopping".

Fishing representatives, while welcoming the announcement, said they doubted Mr Major would be able to

get other member states to agree to the changes, which are to be tabled for discussion at the inter-governmental con-ference on the EU's future. Mr Major met the fisher-

men for 45 minutes. He told them: "What I want is a series of changes to ensure that the common fishing policy works equitably, fairly for the British fishermen and others elsevhere, and that it is a work-

Later Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, said the pro-posed treaty changes would enable the Government to insist that a "minimum proportion of the legal and beneficial ownership [of vessels registered in Britain] would have to be people naturally resident in the UK".

Interviewed on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, Mr Baldry said the Government would also demand the right to stipulate that a "sufficient proportion" of the crews of such boats should be British and to require them to land a

co's attempt to make Mrs McTear, of Ayrshire, put up £2 million as a security bond 🀇 before the case could go

Bombs inquiry Nine men arrested under the on Monday were being questioned last night. Eight were being held in London and one in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Seven of the detentions were made in London when police recovered bombmaking equipment. The two other men were arrested in Birmingham.

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Dons accept cash

Dons at Cambridge have voted overwhelmingly to accept a £1.5 million donation from the tobacco giant BAT Industries. In a three-week ballot. I.128 members of the university supported the sponsorship of a chair in international relations, with only 583 opposing it. More than half of the academic staff

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tion or other mechanical difficulties were the least likely explanation and pointed increasingly to sabotage.

At the Pentagon, a bomb was thought most likely, aviation officers were still examining radar readings mapping the aircraft's route after it left the gate at John F Kennedy

initial reports of the crash had suggested that a surface-to-air missile may have been fired from a boat offshore. Numerous witnesses claimed they had seen what appeared to be another object in the sky, and the radar screen appeared to have a blip near the plane. But the Pentagon played down the reports, saying the aircraft was probably was out of range for most hand-held missiles.

Labour attacks ITN on Major interview the broadcast but Mr Major's

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership attacked ITN yesterday over a decision to broadcast what it called a "fawning" interview with John Major before coverage of the TWA air crash.

Labour made a complaint to the Independent Television Commission, alleging that News at Ten contravened the programme code by not offering Tony Blair a similar interview. It also complained that the interview by Trevor McDonald was not conducted

dispassionately. The party claimed that Downing Street had ordered that the interview should lead

aides and ITN executives dismissed the suggestion as nonsense. Labour leaders also claimed that Downing Street had dictated that the Prime Minister be interviewed by Mr McDonald, whom Mr Major has invited to Downing Street, rather than Michael Brunson, the political editor.

John Prescon, Labour's deputy leader, wrote to ITN complaining that the sevenminute interview was "a disgrace. It was neither objective nor probing. It was little short of a party political broadcast." ITN admitted that it had

had complaints from viewers.

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Death of girl on school trip leaves town in shock

By JOANNA BALE IN LAUNCESTON

THE parents and pupils of Launceston College struggled to come to terms with the idea that a 13-year-old pupil could be murdered on a school trip.

Many mothers were near tears as they came to collect their children from the school yesterday. With memories of Dunblane and the Wolver-hampton machete attack still vivid, the rape and murder of Caroline Dickinson was another reminder of the

vulnerability of their children.
Parents of the pupils on the
French trip will have to wait
until police have finished interviewing the children before
they are reunited.

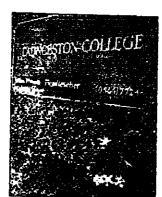
One woman, who was collecting her 12-year-old daughter, said: "This really is every parent's nightmare. When you send your children off on these trips abroad, you pray they won't get into any kind of trouble or danger, so it's always a relief when they come back.

"I just feel so sorry for Caroline's parents. She was so young. I expect it was her first time away from home, and it's just terrible to think that she won't be coming back alive."

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Almost every resident in the ancient market town of Launceston, Cornwall, was touched by the tragedy. A former pupil, Suzannah West, 21, laid



The college is the town's only secondary school

a small floral tribute to the dead teenager outside the school and said: "It is the only secondary school, so every child and parent will know someone at the school."

someone at the school."

Miss West said her father had been a teacher there for 30 years. She added: "I went on one of the trips to France eight years ago. They are recreational, and a bit of a 'jolly'. You pay for the trips yourself, and when I went we stayed in chalets in the grounds of a château with four girls to each

"The whole school and staff go on these trips at some point. They are pretty cheap, but

good fun."

Caroline lived with her mother, Susan, and younger sister in a Victorian terraced cottage on the edge of the

town, which stands on a hill overlooking the River Tamar, near the border with Devon.

Neighbours in the quiet street spoke of Caroline as a lovely girl, of whom any parent would be proud. One woman said: "She was a pretty girl with long, blonde hair quite tall and striking. Her little sister doted on her and

"We can't believe this has happened. In this part of the world children grow up carefree and can often be quite naive compared with kids from the city. So it has really

would follow her everywhere.

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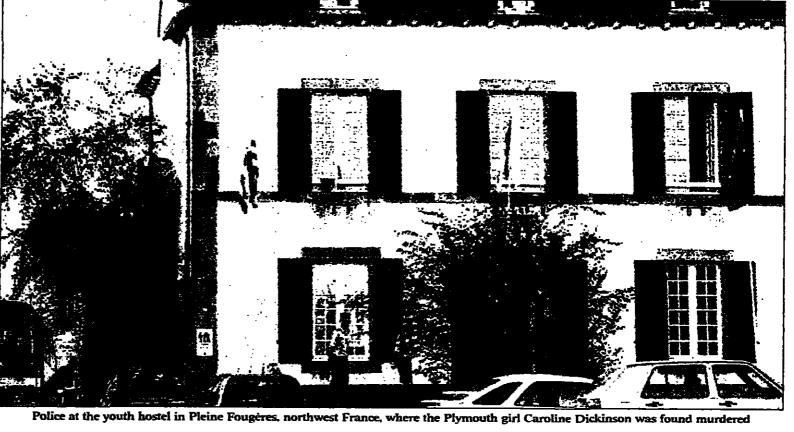
er in the park across the

shocked everyone to the core.

"Her mother must be beside herself with grief — to wave your daughter off on a school trip only to be told a few days later that she's been raped and murdered in her bed is just so

The death came during a peak period for school trips — just before the summer holidays. Northern France is a popular destination.

More than one million trips are organised by English schools every year. The Lyme Bay canoeing tragedy and a fatal MI minibus crash have led to stricter safety regulations. But there are few national guidelines. The onus is on local authorities and individual schools set their own.



Area that thought it was far from danger

By Bill Frost

A PARTY of 40 children arrived at the small town of Pleine Fougères last Sunday for a school trip that should have been as removed from danger as is possible. The setting - where Brittany meets Normandy was idyllic.

Pleine Fougères nessles in countryside far away from any large town or major road.

The town, where Caroline Dickin-

on, 13, was raped and murdered, was chosen as a base for school trips because of its charm and its proximity to historically important tourist sites like Mont St Michele.

Pupils from Launceston College have been coming here for three years and are liked for their good manners, said the owner of the Hotel des

Voyages.

Christian Couet, the mayor, said last night the town was deeply shocked by the murder: "This is such a quiet place" he added, shaking his head in disbelief at what had happened.

About 2,500 people live in the town which is surrounded by some of the best farming land in the region. Now the fields of ripening corn have been ruffled by the rotor blades of a police search helicopter.

Yesterday in the square, a few townspeople stood in a silent group watching police come and go from the Auberge de Jeunesse where Caroline's classmates and their teachers were being questioned. Otherwise, the narrow streets lined with low stone-built houses were quiet.

A senior spokesman for the Gendarmarie Nacional said crime was almost unknown in Pleine Fougeres before Caroline's death. "This is the kind of town where children can play on their own at night. There are no drugs, no trouble," he said.

He said the pupils and their teachers had to spend last night at the hostel where the murder took place. "We cannot say when they will be allowed to leave. It could be some time though as they all have to be interviewed through interpreters."

Last night local people delivered

continued. One 13-year-old local girl said: "This the worst thing that has ever happened in this town."

The search has gone house-to-house with almost 100 officers drafted to help in the hunt for the killer.

No children played in the blazing afternoon sunshine, there were no old

afternoon sunshine, there were no old men on their favourite chairs outside the Hotel des Voyages. As the press descended on the town,

police erected crowd control barriers on all approach roads to the Auberge de Jeunesse.

Louis Thebault, president of the association that runs the youth hostel, said last night that the hostel would continue to function normally.

Handbag thief, 19, given life sentence

By Kathryn Knight

A JUDGE jailed a 19-year-old handbag thief for life yester-day, saying that he felt obliged to protect the public from the "predator" for as long as possible.

possible.

Ragbhir Singh Digwa had just been released from a two-year sentence for three robberies when he knocked Nichola Mann to the ground and snatched her bag, Winchester

Crown Court was told.

Judge Tucker, QC, told
Digwa that he seemed certain
to reoffend within days of
leaving prison. "I feel obliged,
awesome and terrible as it
may be, to take a course that
will ensure that you will not be
released on the public until
those who have the ability and
time to monitor you can put
their hands on their hearts
and say this man is no longer

a danger to the public."

Digwa, who denied robbery, will serve his sentence at a young offenders' institution until he is 21, when he will

move to an adult prison.

Ms Mann. 26, of Shirley.
Southhampton, was pulled backwards onto the pavement by Digwa during the attack on New Year's Eve. She was not hurt but was deeply distressed, the court was told. Her purse contained £60.

The attack was the latest in a line of similar offences, which began when Digwa was 13. Philip Statman, for the defence, admitted that Digwa, an unemployed drug addict, had rejected opportunities to rehabilitate himself but appealed for leniency.

Judge Tucker, 66, is well known for his tough stance on law and order. Two months ago he jailed a sex attacker for

James Hill, Conservative MP for Southampton Test, said: "The judge is to be congratulated for his strong stand against street crime."

Close denies that ball-tampering is acceptable

By Tim Jones

THE former England cricket captain Brian Close had some blunt things to say about his fellow team member Geoffrey Boycott yesterday when he gave evidence to the jury considering allegations against Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, of libel.

Questioned by George Carman, QC, for Imran, Close said he disagreed with Boycott's reported views that balltampering had become an acceptable practice which he had seen many England players doing.

CARMAN: Is he a friend of yours?
CLOSE: He was a colleague.
CARMAN: You would say he is an honest man, wouldn't you?.
CLOSE: I wouldn't like to answer that.

CARMAN: Were you surprised by what Mr Boycott was saying? CLOSE: Knowing his person-

ality, I am not surprised. He was full of bravado, making assumptions that were wrong. Close was one of several former England cricketers who gave evidence to the court yesterday in the libel action brought by Ian Botham and Alian Lamb against Imran. They are suing over an interview printed in India Today



Close: disagreed with Boycott's views

magazine which they say called them racist, uneducated, and lacking in class and upbringing. Botham alone is suing over a story in *The Sun* which, he says, accused him of ball-tampering.

Mr Carman asked Close:

"Have you heard some players find ball-tampering to be acceptable practice?" Close said: "If it has hap-

Close said: "If it has happened, it is frowned on by most players."

Close said he had been

close said he had been involved in matches where he had seen bowlers trying to push balls into shape. "I have seen umpires use coins to press the seam back into shape; there is nothing wrong with that. It is when you deface, it is wrong."

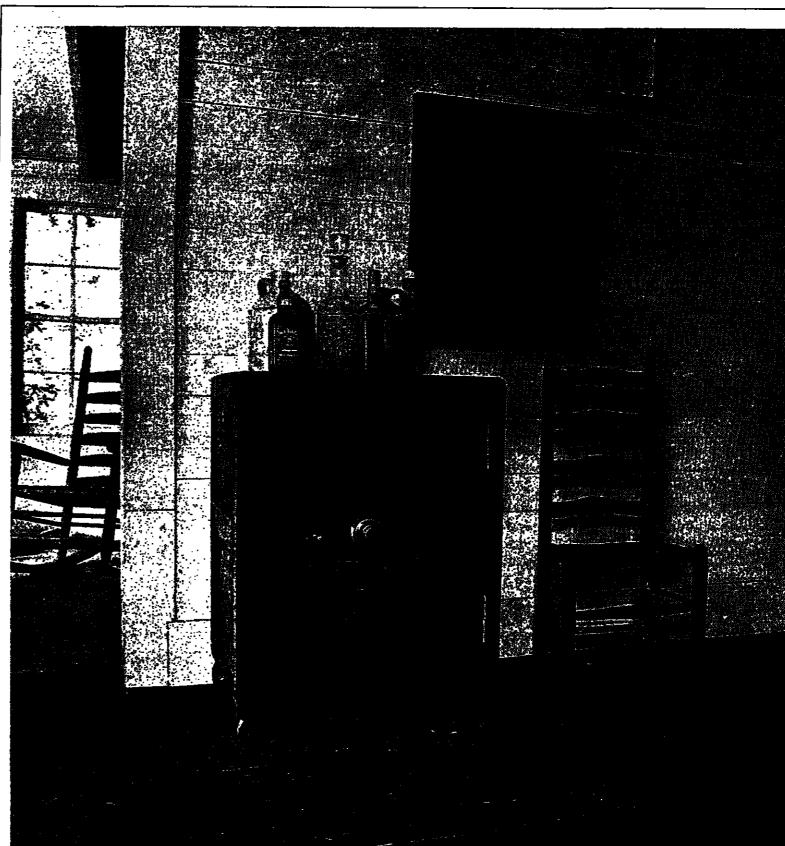
Lamb yesterday told the jury that he deliberately had broken his contract because he feared the sport's governing authorities were prepared to ignore allegations of ball-tampering by the Pakistan team. Lamb, who also captained Northamptonshire, admitted he had been fined £1,000 by his club and £6,000 by the Test & County Cricket Board after writing a newspaper article about Pakistani ball-tampering during a Test Match.

He said he knew he should have sought permission before writing the piece. "I knew it was a breach and I did it deliberately because I wanted it brought out into the open."

Lamb claimed the whole England team knew the Pakistani side were tampering with the ball.

John Emburey, the former England bowler, told Charles Gray, QC, for Botham and Lamb, that had never known Botham tamper with a ball or do anything contrary to the laws of cricket.

agreed with Imran denies libel. The case continues.



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Cover-up for spirit world as ghost-hunters raise the roof

By ALIDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A COAT of paint on an old shed roof was last night hoped to be the end of a mass outbreak of ghost-spotting that has brought crowds to a council house near Dublin.

It started five nights ago

It started five nights ago
after Charlene Hughes. 12.
camped in the garden of her
home with a friend Michelle
Doyle, II. They claimed to
have seen ghostly figures
dancing on the garden wall.
Charlene's father Vincent
Jamped in the garden for the
following days, and also saw
shapes which moved up and
down the wall before disappearing into the distance of

the Pinewood estate.

As word spread, a small

of 68 Pinewood Green Road.

By Thursday night, it had swelled to about 400. The hours following pub closing are the most popular, although the build-up begins at

10pm and most stay until 3am.

On Thursday night, a spook sleuth arrived on the scene. Sandra Ramjani, a psychic psychologist, said there were no ghosts. The shimmer resulted from car lights reflecting off the galvanised roof of a next-door neighbour's shed. Last night the neighbours

painted the roof, hoping to keep the crowds away. The shed belongs to Josephine Lynch, who complained that spectators as old as 70 had been traipsing

through her flowerbeds and standing on her car to get a

She said: "You can not go to bed because you do not know what damage these people are going to do. It is a complete invasion of our privacy."

invasion of our privacy."

Mr Hughes agreed: "I'm fed up with the crowds thronging into the estate and staying till around three in the morning, making it impossible for the residents to sleep."

Crowds are still expected to arrive over the weekend, hoping that sightings may continue. One local policeman said the spectacle had evolved into an evening's entertainment. It was somewhere to go after the pub. He added: "And you always see things better after



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Crash bus driver 'ignored signs'

By KATE ALDERSON

THE driver of a double-decker bus that crashed into a low bridge, injuring 50 schoolchildren, had taken a route restricted to single-deckers and apparently ignored a "no right turn" sign and failed to observe a low bridge warning. council officials said vesterday.

Highway experts from Cheshire County Council said that the busway at Runcorn was open only to single-decker local buses and permit hold-ers. Children said they shouted to the driver that he was going the wrong way. One boy told his classmates to duck as the bus approached the

Sixty-five children aged 10 and 11 and five adults from Palace Fields County Primary School, Runcorn, were returning from an end-of-term trip to Waterworld in Stoke-on-Trent when the accident happened at 5.40pm on Thursday. The top of the bus, full of children Anging songs, was ripped off. The bus is owned by Dobsons of Northwich and was driven by Geoffrey Bell. 41. an experienced driver.

Four weeks ago a doubledecker bus operated by another company collided with a low bridge on a different stretch of busway. The upper deck of the bus, which was empty after dropping off a party of schoolchildren, was ripped off. Peter Cocker, the county

engineer, said that the busway had been used for 20 years. "We have very strict, very clear and very well-known rules about who can and who can't use the busway. Only registered bus services are able to use the busway. To register an operator must be providing a regular bus service with single-decker buses. One-off operators, tour companies and occasional users cannot register and are therefore banned from the route."

A council spokesman said the crash bus had almost certainly ignored this rule, driven through a no right turn" sign to enter the busway and failed to observe a "low bridge sign. He said each section of the busway was clearly signed to draw attention to the low bridges and the fact that double-deckers are banned. The busway has more than 40 bridges, 11ft 9ins high.

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contempt by the Attorney-General after Deayton called

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rards". The remark

The BBC and Hat Trick

The Times.





Lindsey Hayes, 11. in hospital yesterday, and Ryan McGibbon, 10, who shouted at classmates to duck as the bus headed for the bridge

Five children are still being treated in Warrington District General Hospital. One has a cheek fracture and is undergoing post-operative care. Four have cuts, including one with serious head cuts, and are in a stable condition. Craig Hinkins, the deputy head, is being treated for cuts.

Ryan McGibbon, 10, was sitting at the front of the bus's top deck when the crash happened. He said: "Mr Hinkins said, 'Look children, doesn't the bridge look very low.' Everyone was shouting that the driver was going the wrong way but he said it was a short cut."

Ryan told his classmates to duck while Mr Hinkins pulled children to the floor. "People could have died." Ryan said. "The roof just caved in. Lots of people were crying and I let others get off before me and helped them down the stairs."

Jamara Kugawa, Il, who underwent minor surgery for cuts, said: "I didn't think we were going to make it. The bridge was not big enough. I was saying the bridge was too small. I thought the bus was going to blow up."

David Cracknell, Cheshire's director of education, said

up to this terribly sed accident.

Dobson's had been chosen from a list of recommended contractors who complied with specifications and were competitively priced. The council regularly used the company for journeys from home to school. Mr Cracknell said he would review their relationship after the police

All of us at Dobson's Buses Limited are extremely distressed to hear of the accident involving one our vehicles. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those injured and to their families

At this stage it is unfair to speculate on the reason for the accident. However the company will co-operate fully with the official enquiry into circumstances leading

A notice of regret outside the bus company depot

accident enquiry. Ronald Dobson, 73, managing director of the small family bus firm, said that Mr Bell was an experienced driver who had been with the company for about four years. The company, which had eight single-deckers and two doubledeckers, always gave route instructions to drivers but did

not tell them exactly how to get into towns because one-way systems constantly changed. That's why we use what we consider to be experienced drivers, to use their own knowledge to find their destinations," he said.

Mr Dobson said he ran a single-decker service on part of the busway, a service that was registered with the Traffic Commissioners in Manchester. He added: "All of us at Dobson Büses Ltd are extremely distressed to hear of the accident involving one of our vehicles. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those injured and to their families. "At this stage it is unfair to speculate on the reason for the accident and we do not yet know why the bus driver went on to the Runcorn busway at

that junction." The county council said last night they wished to make it clear that Dobson's buses was a respected contractor with the council and the authority would have no compunction in hiring Mr Dobson's company.

Superintendent David Smith, divisional commander of Cheshire police, said he was "obviously concerned" that there had been two similar accidents in such a short time. He said the bus driver would be interviewed by police today and investigating officers were liaising with the Ministry of Transport.

Lilley may cut off fuel bill support for claimants

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER LILLEY suggested last night that he might end direct debit payments to bene-fit claimants for fuel and water bills in an attempt to save

In future, people on income support who fail to pay their own bills risk having their fuel supplies cut off. Labour immediately attacked the scheme, which was disclosed in a parliamentary answer yesterday.

At present, if a benefit claimant fails to pay his or her

bills, the Social Security Department automatically deducts the payment from in-come support benefit and pays t to the utility company. But Mr Lilley has become increasingly concerned that his department is turning into a debt collector for the utilities, a job which now costs the government £15 million.

The Social Security Secretary announced that he would review the scheme, after a sharp rise in take-up despite cuts in fuel prices. The number of direct-payment deductions had risen steadily from about 100,000 in the late 1970s to over 500,000 now, it said. "Yet in recent years, although water prices have increased, fuel prices have fallen or

remained stable." Chris Smith, Shadow Social Security Secretary, described the move as "another meanminded measure from Mr Lilley. "Scrapping direct payments hits directly at the poorest people in the country and will make it much harder for them to organise their family finances in order to meet their bills and stop having basic services such as gas and electricity cut off."

Mr Lilley's plans to privati-se the administration of child benefit and other payments brought the threat of industrial action from trade unions. who said that members might be advised to withhold information from private firms invited to tender for the project.

Opposition parties pledged that they would do what they could to stop the privatisation going ahead. Labour is to hold debate on the issue next Tuesday and the Liberal Democrats are pressing for a Commons statement from Mr Lilley on Monday.

The Social Security Secretary further announced that three companies were being invited to tender for the administration of the Child Benefit Centre in Washington, Tyne and Wear. In addition. he disclosed that three companies would be appointed to work with the Benefits Agency in running benefits delivery in Yorkshire, the West Country, East Anglia and London for 12

The moves are part of the Government's drive to cut the E3 billion cost of handling social security benefits by 25 per cent - saving £750 million.

Lottery cash to fund Stonehenge centre

STONEHENGE is to become a £65 million theme park using private investment and lottery cash. The plan includes a visitor centre about a mile from the site with a virtual reality tour, shops, restaurants and a monorail to the stones (Peter Foster writes).

English Heritage, which is responsible for the monument, will for the first time use the Government's Private Finance Initiative, under which business puts up part of the money. The centre, with 8,000 square metres of floor space and parking for 3,000 cars, is expected to attract 1.8 million

visitors a year, nearly double the present number. Finances permitting, work should start next year and be completed by the end of the decade.

Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said that private money would be used to build the centre and lottery money would fund a surrounding 4,000-acre park.

Opponents, however, believe that the plan will destroy Stonhenge's mystical appeal. Paul Sample, a Liberal Democrat councillor, said: "This abhorrent commercialism is out of keeping with what

BBC was fined £10,000 for Maxwell comments

By Michael Horsnell

THE BBC and the makers of broadcast on BBC2 on April the television quiz show Have 29. 1994, six months before their trial for conspiracy to I Got News For You have each been fined £10,000 for condefraud Mirror Group pentempt over scathing remarks sioners was due to start. Solicitors for the two brothers protested to the BBC, the Deayton, about the sons of the late publishing tycoon Robert

following day, asking it to delete that and other offending A reporting ban on the contempt proceedings, which were heard in May, was imposed by two High Court material before the pro-gramme was re-broadcast that night. But, after BBC lawvers were consulted, no changes were made. judges, but it was lifted vester-

Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Sachs were told in the High Court on May 24 that the programme amounted to Productions were accused of "a calculated, deliberate act to challenge the courts to do something about it".

The Maxwells were cleared of all charges after an eight-



Panellist Hislop, left, and presenter Deayton

on smoking

By LIN JENKINS

losing the child they had fostered for five years because they smoked have been told that she can remain in their

order banning reporting. The words complained of arose during a round called and asthma, for three days a week since her condition and "The odd one out" in which contestants are asked to explain why one of four photographs is different from the others. One featured angry Mirror pensioners. Deayton said on the pro-

gramme: "All have profited from misfortune except for the Mirror pensioners . . . no mentioning no Maxwells, er. names. The BBC are in fact cracking down on references to Ian and Kevin Maxwell just in case programme makers appear biased in their treatment of these two heartless,

month trial which eventually started in May 1995, but Kevin will face a second trial for

After seeing a recording of

the programme, the judges imposed a contempt of court

fraud later this year.

scheming bastards".
After the show's closing credits, the cameras showed an exchange involving Deayton and the two regular panellists, lan Hislop, Editor of Private Eye, and the comedian Paul Merton, discussing the risk of contempt of court. Hislop said to Deayton: "Nothing personal Angus, but contempt of court has a statutory two-year term of

imprisonment". A combined audience of 6.14 million viewers watched the programme, which is part-ly scripted and then edited.

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A COUPLE threatened with

саге. They have been looking after the ten-year-old girl, who suffers from cerebral palsy

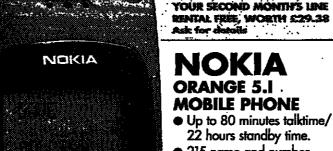
tantrums proved too much for her natural parents. They applied to take the girl fulltime because she disliked the care home where she spent the rest of the week. They were told by Dorset Social Services that they faced the choice of giving up smoking or losing the right to look after her.

A panel sitting in Dorchester ruled yesterday that they could continue with the present arrangement and a decision is yet to be made on their application to foster her full-time. Robin SeQueira, director of

Dorset Social Services, said that there was no strict nonsmoking policy regarding foster homes and adoptions, but there was a preference for non-smokers where a child had respiratory problems. She said that the panel made its decision based on the care already offered by the foster parents to the child.

When the foster mother was first told that she faced losing the child, she called the threat "an act of cruelty" and said that the girl would not understand why she could not stay

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School run by cult tests pupils for HIV

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BOARDING school was strongly criticised yesterday for making its 50 pupils have regular tests for the Aids virus. All pupils and staff at the £1.925-a-term Osho Ko Hsuan school, in Chawleigh.

north Devon, have an HIV test at the start of every term. A swab of saliva is 1 ded. The school also requests that all visitors using their facilities bring a certificate stating that they are HIV-negative.

As Aids charities condemned the policy. Suvendra, the Headmaster, said that the school had a duty to protect its pupils and others "because we are not

sure exactly how the virus is spread. We have a policy of strict hygiene." The school takes pupils from the age as five up to 16, although currently all pupils are aged between 11 and 16. They work for GCSEs and also study the teachings of Osho, formerly known as Bhagwan

Shree Rajneesh.

This weekend the school is hosting a music festival. Leaflets advertising the event say the school is "an Aids-free zone" and state: "You will need an HIVnegative test certificate (no copies) not

more than three months old." Justifying the request, Mr Suvendra said: "It is our job to protect our children.

People at the festival will share shower facilities, toilets and cutlery, which could spread the illness."

Tom Lawson, of the Terrence Higgins Trust, a leading Aids charity, was appalled and said he had never heard of a saliva test for HIV. The National Aids Trust said: "This

whole policy is as appalling as it is unhelpful. The reality is that there is no evidence of HIV being spread through normal social contact." The Department for Education said

that it had no jurisdiction over the private school, but would intervene if serious

MURDER IN THE **FAMILY**

As Shaun Russell mourns his wife and daughter, bludgeoned to death last week, Jeremy Howe reveals



how terrifying the nightmare was after random savagery hit his own loving family

> News Review. The Sunday Times tomorrow

How the tide of life changed for the dashing sailor Prince

DURING a naval career spanning almost 20 years, the Duke of York found that his job provided a welcome respite from the pressures of being a royal, and a fitting vehicle for his eclectic talents.

He described himself as an ordinary junior officer who suffered the same pangs as verybody else about leaving his wife at home for months to cope alone. He once admitted: 'I don't like it. Full stop."

In joining the senior service in September 1979, the Duke claimed it gave him a sense of purpose and provided an opportunity to be treated, in part at least, like any other officer. Despite reports that during his early days in the Navy the Duke was considered an arrogant young man, with a reputation as the playboy Prince, he matured to earn respect, popularity and affection from his fellow sailors.

In an inauspicious start, he is widely reported to have blundered in the mess at Dartmouth Naval College when early one evening he introduce himself to a Rear

Admiral with the words: "You can call me Andy.". He was rebuffed with the icy reply: "And you can call me Sir."

He was taught to fly helicopters at RNAS Culdrose and

presented with his wings by his father in April 1981 before joining the front-line 820 Sea King Squadron on HMS Invincible. Around the same time he was praised for his courage in rescuing a seaman who slipped overboard from a submarine in the Clyde.

By the time he served in the Falklands conflict the follow-ing year, his colleagues referred to him simply as "H" (for Highness). On one mission he acted as a decoy during an Exocet missile attack and took part in the rescue operation after the supply ship Atlantic Conveyor

He gained a reputation for joining in, whether it be at the bar drinking a Coca-Cola, or joining the singing of a gently mocking song penned by his companions. It was sung to the tune of the pop record Prince Charming by Adam

Flower of youth: home from the Falklands

and the Ants. One line went "Don't you ever, don't you ever, stop being Randy, showing them you're handsome?". He described sonar dipping for mines as like watching paint dry: "It is 98 per cent boredom but, when you have a

during which you can hear your own heartbeats." When he docked in Port Stanley, he was delighted when he was able ring the Queen on the satellite telephone on board the Royal

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contact. 2 per cent excitment

which stood alongside Invinci-ble. He said: "I made the call and she was in. It is about the right time in the evening. She was quite surprised."

Film footage and photo-graphs of him with a red rose in his teeth when the ship sailed home is one of the enduring images of the war.

His marriage to Sarah Fergusion and his decision to join the general list as a career officer in 1986, and later sign on for a further 12 years, altered his role. After years as a helicopter pilot and helicopter warfare instructor at HMS Osprey at Portland, Dorset, he followed the natural progression of a career officer to work for his watchkeeping and ocean navigation certificates,

essential if he was eventually to command his own ship. He complained of the time away from home and that his leave was often spent on royal duties, but said: You have to take it, otherwise the Navy could not exist."

In May 1988, he joined the Type 42 destroyer HMS Edinburgh, on which he gained his bridge watch and ocean navigating certificates. A year later HMS Campbeltown with responsibility for the vessel's

two Lynx helicopters. He returned home and con-tinued his career on shore, at 829 Squadron HQ, Portland, then the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. before he was promoted in February 1992 to lieutenant commander. Nine months later it was announced that he was to take command of his own vessel for the first time, following in the footsteps of the Prince of Wales.

In December 1992 he graduated from the staff college at Camberley and the following April assumed command of the minehunter HMS Cottesmore. He filled his cabin with photographs of his estranged wife and his daughters. He said: "As a commanding officer you can get extremely

lonely if you're not careful."

Since February 1995 he has been senior pilot of 815 Naval Air Squadron, based at Portland. He will relinquish this role on October 25, before taking up his new appointment on the staff of the directorate of naval operations.



The helicopter hero: later he spoke of loneliness

Paparazzi arrests keep royal party out of the picture

By Emma Wilkins

THE Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York were spending their holiday under siege yesterday after the arrests of three paparazzi photographers in the grounds of their French villa.

An Italian was held yesterday morning, following Thursday's capture of two French photographers in combat fatigues in the garden. Gunshots heard just before the arrests of the Frenchmen turned out to be Prince William practising clay pigeon shooting at the Le Clos de Meaux villa, near the village of Seillans, Var, in the south

of France. At least five officers from the Royalty and Diplomatic Protection squad are staying at the villa to guard Prince William and Prince Harry and their cousins, the Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice. French police and dogs are

patrolling the grounds. The French photographers. Franck Doveri, from St Tropez, and Tony Fitoussi, from Paris, managed to sneak across woodland and through bushes to within ten yards of the pool where the Princess. the Duchess and their child-

ren had sunbathed earlier.
"Continental paparazzi like

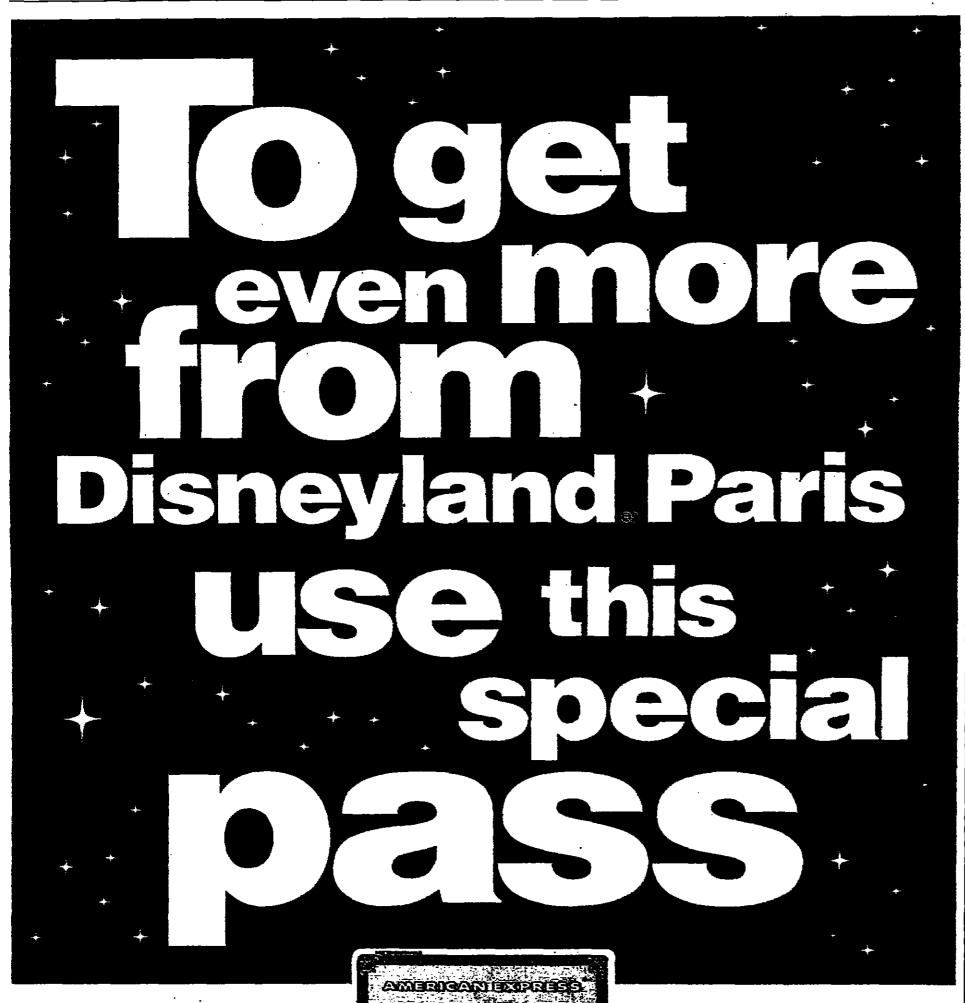
to get really close to their targets so they can use smaller lenses," one royal expert said yesterday. "The British are happy working through long lenses so they don't actually have to get up so close."

The pair, who were released from custody on Thursday night, face charges of trespass and intrusion of privacy. which carries a maximum fine of £40,000 and a one-year jail term.

M Doveri works with John-Paul Dousset, who achieved his greatest scoop with his then partner. Daniel Angeli in 1992 when they snapped the Duchess of York with her financial adviser John Bryan

by a pool in St Tropez. Among the journalists staking out the villa, which belongs to Paddy McNally, a millionaire ex-boyfriend of the Duchess, are a group of 25 French and Italian paparazzi and about six British freelance photographers. The British tabloids are well-

represented. The royal party is expected to remain at the villa until next week. Maurice Athanassiadis, the Mayor of Seillans. said: "I plan to send them a little note along with a bouquet of flowers.



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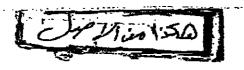
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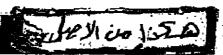
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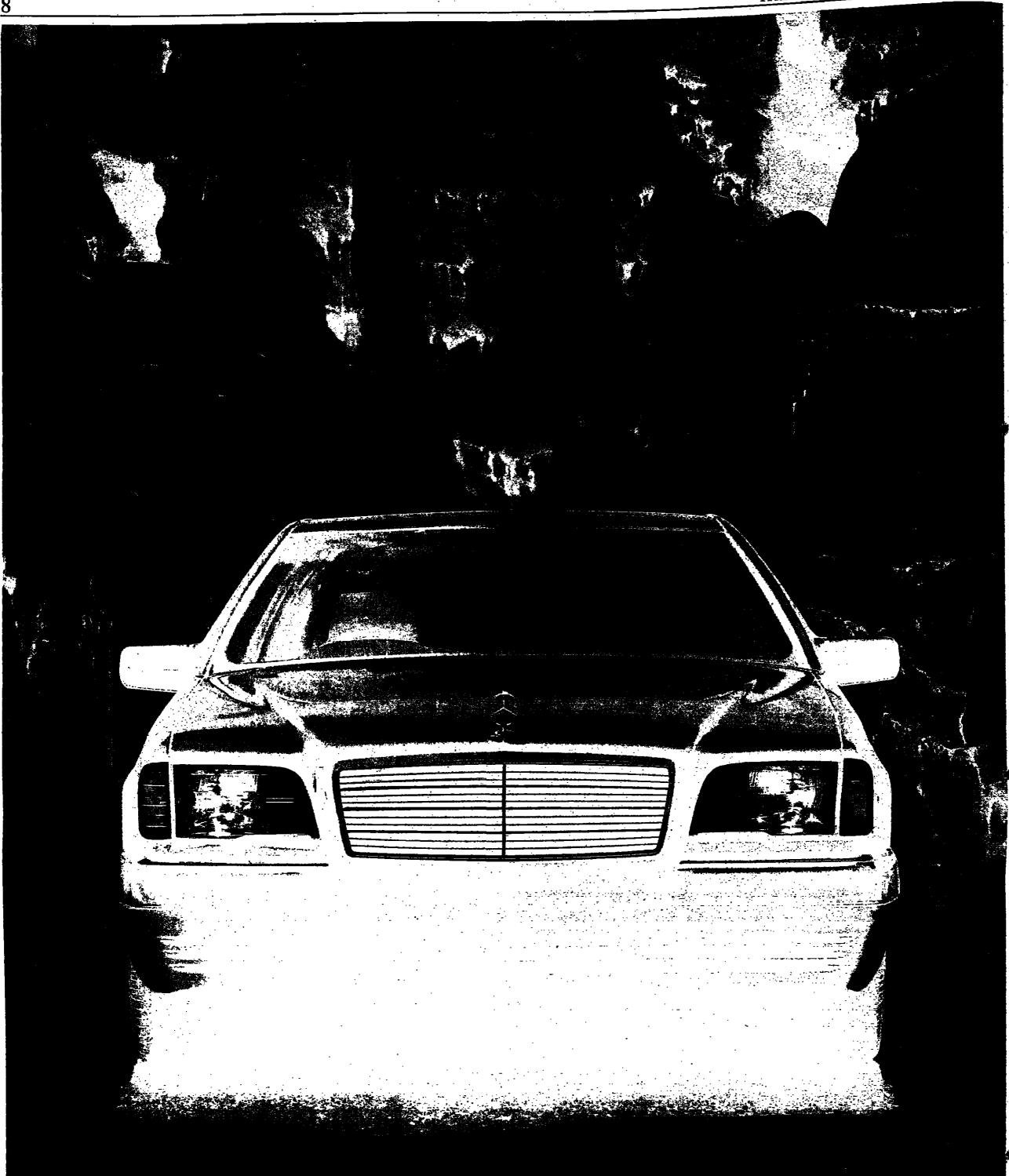


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Alarmist though this scenario appears, for others it is mono-technology which will provide the seeds of self-destruction. Computer companies may spon be able to make machines no larger than an atom; machines so sophisticated that they

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Shortage of donors holds up transplants

BY LIN JENKINS

A SHORTAGE of donor organs has led to a 17 per cent reduction in the number of transplants carried out in the first three months of this year. A campaign will be launched next week to persuade more people to carry

donor cards, or to join the donor register. The shortage is particularly acute in the case of children. Ashley Taylor, 2, who was at the top of the waiting list for a heart transplant, died on Thursday before a suitable donor could be found. His heart failed last week after he had survived three

operations to remedy a congenital defect, Doctors had said that he was unlikely to survive the week unless a donor could be found. Heart transplants in children are rare. Only nine were performed on children under six in Britain last year. Of those only four involved

donors under the age of six. Ashley's parents, Wayne Taylor, 27, a plastics factory foreman, and Kay Borlase, 27, of Telford, Shropshire, had made a public plea to parents to consider organ donation. There are seven children currently awaiting heart trans-

Narayanswami Sreeram. the cardiologist treating Ashley at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said that the case illustrated the lack of suitable donors for children. "Getting

a heart is not an easy matter." The shortage of all organs for transplant will be the focus of National Transplant Week, beginning on Monday. In the first three months of this year the number of transplants was 17 per cent down on the same period in 1995. Fiona Gravette, for the National Transplant Information Service, said: "There is a continuing desper-

ate shortage of donor organs. With children it is even worse. "Because of their size a child has to have an organ from another child and there are very few of them. An adult can have an organ from someone

Health ministry to blame for CJD deaths, says judge

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By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

A JUDGE ruled yesterday that the Government was to blame for the deaths of a number of people who contracted the human form of "mad cow" disease after being treated as children with a growth hormone.

Mr Justice Morland said in a test ruling that anybody who began treatment from July 1977 and developed Creutz-feldt-Jakob disease could claim damages for negligence against the Department of Health, which took over responsibility from the Medical Research Council for the formerly experimental programme from that date. The Government will inevitably have to pay damages to a number of bereaved families.

Most of the plaintiffs began their treatment before 1977 some as long ago as 1959 and so have lost their claims for negligence. But Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will be urged to compensate all the victims and their relatives, including those whose treatment began earlier.

There is uncertainty about the position of the worried well", who fear they will develop the illness and suffer a death the judge described as terrible to the victim and ghastly and utterly distressing for his family.

The Medical Research Council had been warned as early as 1976 that Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease could be contaminating batches of hormone extracted from the pituitary glands of corpses. It was not until three patients receiving similar treatment died in America in 1985 that the therapy was halted.

Sixteen people have already died from the incurable disease; three others are dying, and 1.900 are living with the knowledge that they could be infected. The judge said at the High

Court that, had doctors been made aware from 1977 of the risks; they would not have put

new children onto the treatment, although they would have probably let existing patients continue, "It is to be hoped that no more cases will occur, but realistically that is

an optimistic hope," he said. David Body, solicitor for the plaintiffs, said: "The Depart-ment of Health, in the name of humanity, should make exgratia payments to all the families and individuals, whenever their treatment began." An early-day motion will be tabled in the Commons on Monday demanding compensation for all.

Tam Fry, honorary chairman of the Child Growth Foundation, which helps the affected families, described as iniquitous the payment by ministers of millions of pounds in compensation for cattle with BSE while they resisted any payments to families of CJD victims.

Ashraf Khan, whose son Bahram, a graduate engineer, died aged 27 last year, said: "When they knew the bells were ringing, why didn't they stop it? They should never have played with innocent young lives. They should have



Andrews: "I could be dead this time next year"

at least told the parents that these were experiments."
Paul Andrews, 30, of Brom-

ley, Kent, is one of the "worried well", who are seeking compensation for the psychological anguish of knowing they could be struck down by the incurable brain disease. He was expected to grow naturally to 5ft but reached 5ft 5in after receiving injections between the ages of 11 and 17.

"At the end of the day we were short and that was that. What is the difference between 5ft and 5ft 5in when you are alive? I could be dead this time next year and there is quite a high chance of that."

The judge, who heard 25 days of evidence, said many

would be disappointed by his conclusions but that he must not be guilty of hindsight or let sympathy affect his judgment. After being alerted to the CID risk in 1976 by Dr Alan Dickinson, an eminent veterinary research scientist in Ed-inburgh, the Medical Re-search Council did not ask the advice of two expert professors

until a year later. Within a week, they said they were in the uncomfortable position of "not knowing how bad the worst is. Any clinician who uses growth hormone must be made aware of the gruesome possibilities."

But instead of telling doctors who were recommending young people for this treatment, information was kept to the chosen few, the judge said. "The clinicians were kept in the dark," he said. "An unwise philosophy pervaded both within the Department of Health and the Medical Research Council that the risk of slow virus contamination of human growth hormone was too awful to contemplate."

In ruling that only cases of CJD among people treated after July 1977 were caused by the negligence of the Department of Health, he absolved the council of any blame during the period before then.



John Whalley yesterday with son Steven: crime career is over, the court was told

Bungling burglar in box gets a year inside

By A STAFF REPORTER

A FATHER who persuaded his son to mail him in a cramped wooden box was jailed for a year yesterday. John Whalley, 53, tried to use the "Trojan Horse" scheme to get into a parcel depot, which he intended to burgle. Instead he found himself

stuck overnight at the wrong warehouse and was caught by a guard after leaving the 2 metre by '2 metre box for a walk. A jury refused to accept his defence that he allowed himself to be posted for a bet.

At Birmingham Crown Court, Assistant Recorder Alan Mainds said: "There is a danger of people applauding those who cheat others out of property by this sort of cunning means. I'm not going to fall into this trap."

Whalley's son, Steven, 22, was put on probation for 18 months. Both had been found guilty of conspiracy to burgle the City Link warehouse in Saltley, Birmingham. The court was told that the

father, a former City Link employee, had convictions for burglary, dishonesty and motoring offences dating back 40 years. His son left the box at Birmingham for delivery to City Link's parcel depot in.



The box where the thief was trapped overnight

Stoke-on-Trent, but a manager decided against overnight delivery and it was kept in Birmingham. Inside the box police found rubber gloves, a knife, parcel tape, screwdriver, milk, Mars bars and a makeshift toilet.

Hugh O'Brien-Ouinn, in mitigation, said that the father was suffering from depression. Before the trial in May he was seen wondering along the M5 "at the dead of night, not knowing where he was". He added: "In the past two days, he was taken to hospital after an overdose. As far as his criminality is concerned, this is the end." David Pearson, for the

prosecution, had told the jury: You will see a similarity to a Trojan Horse, when the Greeks besieged the city of Troy and managed to smuggle men in by leaving a large wooden horse outside.

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River takes second brother

Charles Hawkes, 25, drowned in the River Tees at Stockton, Co Durham, almost two years after his brother died on the same stretch of water.

Mr Hawkes, Thornaby-on-Tees, vanished from the sight of his friends on Thursday afternoon after going for a swim. Police divers found his body two hours later. In August 1944 his elder brother Brian drowned near by after a boating accident. Police said the incidents highlighted the dangers of the river, which might appear safe but had strong undercurrents.

Girls of note

Twenty-two choristers aged eight to 14 have been recruited for the first all-girl choir at Ripon Cathedral, North Yorkshire. Training and rehearsals begin shortly, with the aim of their singing at one choral service a month by November, increasing to one a week next

Brewery blaze

An 18th-century timbered brewery shop in Lewes. East Sussex, was severely damaged by a fire that destroyed handwritten records dating from 1790. Five adjoining shops were damaged before 75 firemen brought the blaze under control. Police are treating the fire as arson.

Road rage death

A driver who knocked down and killed a pedestrian after losing his temper was jailed for 21 months by Newcastle Crown Court. Leslie Wood, 37. who was over the drink-drive limit, said he hit Lee Irving, 21, after trying to "prove a point" by passing a car that had cut in front of him.

Black and white

A black gunman is believed to have used a skin lightener to try to make himself look white when he successfully held up a cashier at a NatWest Bank in Coulsdon, Surrey. A police spokesman said: "It is bizarre. There have also been cases of white guys blacking them-

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Former evangelists start network to aid victims of extremism

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A NETWORK of self-help ists Anonymous is to be launched by former evangelical Christians to help those who have left or are struggling to break free from the growing

The network will provide a haven for those trying to rebuild their lives after leaving the closed and sometimes frightening world of fundamentalist Christianity. It could also help those damaged by authoritarian groups such as the Nine O'Clock Service in Sheffield, where a powerful elite made it almost impossithe activities of its discredited

leader. Chris Brain. Evangelical groups now have a high profile, with growing influence in Parliament. The movement is one of the few growth areas in the churches today.

But Fundamentalists Anonymous is launched amid concern throughout the Church of England that, despite the advances of modern science and philosophy, many churches on the fringes of evangelicalism still preach that every word of the Bible is literally true. Their worship leaders can set a bewildering array of rules, such as eschewing the cinema and heavy metal music, aimed at protecting believers from the supposedly corrupting in-fluences of 20th-century life.

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The leaders believe in an aweinspiring God. Hell and the Devil, and will sometimes incorporate bizarre and terrifying exorcism rituals in worship.

Some go so far as to dictate which clothing colours are acceptable, teaching that wearing black, for example, can be a symptom of possession. Many lay special emphasis on "sins of the flesh", preaching against homosexuality and pre-marital sex. Although most of these

churches are "house churches", operating in school halls or in members' homes, extreme fundamentalism can also be found at the heart of the Church of England, Fundamentalism is proving attractive to young people, especially those with no religious upbringing who want to socialise without the pressure of drink, drugs or promiscuity. It offers them a host of compelling certainties in an uncertain world.

Problems can arise when members of these churches challenge their extreme beliefs and encounter hostility and authoritarianism. Many leave church life completely, rejecting their faith as well as the organisation.

John Martin, former editor of the evangelicals' Church of England Newspaper, who has been involved with talks about the proposed network, said

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one aim was to help such people to realise that it was possible to move on to alternative styles of Christian fellowship without abandoning their faith. "It will be a self-help network as opposed to an organisation that tells people what to do."

One of the three founding members, a young woman who preferred not to disclose her identity, said many of those who might benefit were from the mainstream Church of England evangelical wing. "When I was a teenager, I took evangelicalism on board completely. As I grew older, my problem became one of belief. But I have met other people who are very bruised by all the guilt that goes so often with evangelicalism."

The foundations for the network will be laid tomorrow at a seminar in central London where former evangelicals will examine why so many people drop out. The Rev Donald Reeves, rector of St James's, which is hosting the seminar, said: "Evangeli calism seems to be good at bringing people to personal faith, but not so good at taking them on from there. Disturb ingly high numbers of new converts burn out, but their churches are too busy seeking more to notice."

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Bishop Hardy renewed his own offer to go if Dr Carey wished it. "We take oaths of obedience"

Bishop of Lincoln urges sub-dean to resign

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, yesterday urged the cathedral's sub-dean to resign to end a

bitter eight-year dispute. The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson. has already said that he would resign provided that the subdean, Canon Rex Davis, went

too.
Bishop Hardy said that the conflict at the 11th-century cathedral was "difficult and damaging" for the Church. Canon Davis should obey the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and resign as he had asked. Canon Davis. who has refused to resign, was not available for comment.

The dean and the sub-dean. who are in their early 60s, were asked publicly to resign two weeks ago. Dr Carey described the conflict between them as a cancer in the body of Lincoln Cathedral and said that it was "a scandal dishonouring the name of Our

Dr Jackson, who was on holiday when Dr Carey urged the resignations, said that while away he had informed the archbishop that he was already considering leaving if the sub-dean moved too". But because Canon Davis declined to leave, Dr Jackson

had advised the archbishop that he "did not propose to leave at that time". The dean said that the pressure on him and his wife, Mary, "to stay in Lincoln and resist the archbishop's call to go is very considerable and growing by

Dr Carey, before departing for a month-long foreign trip last night, said: "I am grateful for the dean's positive response to withdraw provided the sub-dean does so.

Because cathedrals are autonomous and their clergy are protected by "parson's free-hold" — the right to a job for life — neither Dr Carey nor Bishop Hardy can force the

dean or the sub-dean to go.
Bishop Hardy, who offered his own resignation to Dr Carey last summer, said that he would still be prepared to go if Dr Carey told him to. We take oaths of canonical obedience. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the head of our Church. If he said to me, 'Hardy, I think you should go,' I would go. I would not even question it."

The latest manoeuvring indicates that the battle at Lincoln is far from won. It began with a loss-making exhibition in Australia of the cathedral's Magna Carta and culminated when the dean was cleared of sexual misconduct with a former verger, Verity Freestone, last year.

Credo

We must learn why we cannot know His ways

Dan Cohn-Sherbok

ext week Jews throughout the B'Av). This was the day when the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple in 586 BC and the Roman general Titus devastated the Second Temple in 70 AD.

As a sign of mourning, Jews are obliged to fast the entire day. Inevitably, in a post-Holocaust world, those catastrophes of long ago have become symbolic of the destruction of six million Jews during the Nazi era. Tishah B'Av has thereby come to represent both ancient and modern calamities that have befallen the Jew-

ish community. While pious Jews remained faithful to the belief in an all-powerful and compassionate God despite such tragedies, many Jews in the modern world have found it impossible to believe in a

Tishah B'Av has come to take on a new significance: it highlights the absence of God, rather than His abiding presence in the face of massacre and death. As the Jewish death-of-God theologian Richard Rubenstein has remarked: "When I say we live in the time of the death of God, I mean that the thread uniting God and man. Heaven and earth, has

God of mercy. For

been broken." The Jewish community is thus polarised between believers and unbelievers, all of whom are struggling to make sense of the calamitous history of the nation. Is there a solution to this dilemma? Throughout Jewish history there has been a recognition that there is no means by which human beings can understand the

way to a revitalised theology of Judaism. From biblical times there has been a conscious awareness that there is a fundamental distinction between God as He is in Himself and human conceptions of the divine. Scripture, for example, frequently cautions against describing God anthropomorphically. In rabbinic literature there are

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should refrain from attempting to depict God's nature. (n a similar vein, medieval Jewish philosophers such as Moses Maimonides argued that the ascription to

suggest that human beings

God of positive attributes is a form of idolatry. In his view, positive attributes are only admissible if they are understood as referring to God's acts. Attributes that refer to his nature, however. are only permissible if they are applied negatively. Thus one cannot say what God is: one can only say what He is

Like those Jewish philosophers, Jewish mystics advocated a theory of negation in describing God. For these writers, the divine is revealed through the powers emanate which

from him. Yet Ayra Sof (infinite) hension. Thus the greatest work of medieval Jewish mysticism, the Zohar, asserts that the Ayn Sof is incomprehensible. In that spirit the

18th-century scholar the Vilna Gaon stated that one can say so little about the Avn Sof that one should not even give it the name Ayn Sof.

That recognition of the limits of human understanding can provide a basis for confronting the disasters that have befallen the Jewish people in ancient and modern times. God must not be reduced to human categories and then dismissed as irrelevant in the face of the horrors that have occurred to the Jewish community. Rather, we must acknowledge our incapacity to understand God's ways.

Lishah B'Av symbolises the tragic past of the nation, yet it should also call us to a recognition of human limitation in the presence of the holy. The Zohar tells of Elijah's supplication to God. "Lord of the Universe," he prayed, "You are higher than the highest. You are above all mysteries. No thought can grasp you at all."

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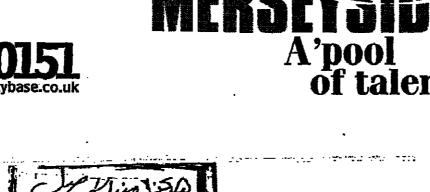
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£2,000-a-day fee plan for civil courts is dropped

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A LAN to impose pay-as-yougocourt fees, in which people bringing claims in the civil courts would pay a daily hearing fee, has been shelved. It could have involved daily hearing fees of £2,000 in the High Court and £800 in court.

The aim was to raise fees to allevel at which the courts ere self-financing. However. the plan was criticised as heing likely to deter people from bringing claims and jursuing their rights.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, is comnitted to changing the present ystem, which is based on an entry" fee imposed for issuing proceeedings, but takes no account of the length of a case. Michael Huebner, chief executive of the Court Service, the agency that runs all civil and criminal courts in England and Wales, said that less radical proposals would now be brought forward.

Mr Huebner said that the need for a big increase in fees had been reduced after standard fees went up last autumn and brought in more funds than expected. There was a still a shortfall, however. The full cost of the civil courts was some £300 million a year, while £245 million was recouped in court fees.

The Lord Chancellor is likely to contemplate more modest proposals, possibly with some restructuring ... but it would not be as fundamental," Mr Huebner said. "If we lose business because fees go up, that is a failing of the civil justice system."

A survey in the Court Service's annual report indicates that most courts in England

their targets on waiting times and on the speed with which they commit defendants for trial, although some are still falling well short.

The courts' efficiency was tested against performance fargets and the results, published for the first time yesterday, may eventually develop into a league table for the justice system.

Among the Crown Courts, Salisbury is the worst offender with only 48.8 per cent of defendants committed for trial within 16 weeks (instead of the 70 per cent target). It also has one of the highest average waiting times for defendants on bail, 21.8 weeks, and a high average waiting time for defendants in custody, of 16.4

Liverpool is another poor performer with only 48.8 per cent of defendants committed for trial within the 16-week waiting time. Liverpool also scores badly in having one of the highest waiting times for defendants on bail, 22.4 weeks, almost double many of the other courts.

The figures partly reflect the courts' workload, with the smaller, less busy courts finding it easier to meet targets.

Mr Huebner said that the figures had to be treated with caution because there were often reasons why averages appeared to be particularly low. "However, we do think it right to publish the figures and show how courts are doing in meeting their

The report also shows that the backlog of work in the criminal courts has dropped to its lowest level in nearly a decade, from 34,000 about 18 months ago to 23,000 now.

Sophie's parents call for closer watch on paedophiles

By A Staff Reporter

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THE parents of the murdered schoolgirl Sophie Hook said yesterday that her killer had been "a timebomb waiting to go off". Christopher Hook. 38. said: "The unfortunate thing for us, and particularly for Sophie, was that she was the trigger for that timebomb and it didn't need to be like that."

The Hooks, from Great

Budworth, Cheshire, were speaking publicly for the first time since their daughter's killer, Howard Hughes, was jailed for life by Chester Crown Court for abducting her from a tent in her uncle's garden and raping her before strangling her and throwing her body into the sea. Mr Hook said that he and his wife, Julie, 35. constantly asked themselves the question: "Why Sophie? Why us?" On Thursday police disclosed that they had been "keeping a close eye" on Hughes for 16 years and that

he had been accused of assaulting several young girls and teenagers in the three years preceding Sophie's murder. Mr Hook said he felt strongly that the Home Office's proposals for a paedophile register should be put in place and he advocated displaying posters of offend-ers in their home towns.

"Several months after it



Julie and Christopher Hook yesterday. They called for posters of paedophiles to go on public display

happened I was told that Hughes was a timebomb waiting to go off. I firmly believe the Home Secretary's proposals going through currently should be extended. I believe that a statutory register of convicted paedophiles should be extended. Allowing the authorities to display post-

ers of offenders within the community is one possible step forward."

He also said that, in Hughes's case, life should mean life. "An innocent life has been destroyed. We are left with a life sentence ourselves.

Mrs Hook said that Sophie

had enriched their lives. "She was bright, vivacious, full of fun, extremely caring and very loving. This is how we remember her."

The Hooks have three other children, Jemma, 10, Joseph. 6. and Ellie, a toddler, "Naturally, all the children have been affected by the loss of Sophie, each in their own way," Mrs Hook said. "They continue to include her in

whatever they do." Mr Hook explained their decision to take the children abroad for the duration of the trial: "Our children have been, and always will be, our prime concern and their

Sophie's uncle, Danny Jones, from whose garden she disapneared, had been seen in court during the trial and cried at the guilty verdict. Mr Hook said that he and his wife had been represented in court by members of both families and he felt that was

Asked how her family had coped with their loss over the past 12 months, Mrs Hook said: "The deep pain and grief we have felt and will continue to feel is beyond words. We have somehow coped because we have every reason to believe that Sophie never knew of her suffering."

They felt no sense of victory at seeing Hughes jailed. Mir Hook said the verdict was 'what we expected".

Mrs Hook's voice wavered

as she spoke of the approaching anniversary of Sophie's death, on July 30. Our if in force, not that they ever go away. If only I hadn't agreed that the girls could stay If only the tent had not been bought. If only it had been raining. They will go on and on for ever. Anniversaries are painful, but so is every other

day."
Police said that the couple had agreed to speak yesterday on the condition that the media now left them alone.

£3m for church bells to ring in millennium

A PROJECT to restore or replace more than 100 church bells across the country to ring in the millennium has been promised E3 million (Peter Foster writes).

The Millennium Commission has earmarked the grant after an application by the Central Council of Bellringers. The scheme, which will cost a total of £6 million, will involve hanging new bells and restoring others that have long been silent. Lin Foxhall Forbes, an archaeologist, who managed the application to the commission, said: "Parishes have

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with difficult congregations dwindle and funds are scarce. If you have to choose between patching a roof or restoring the bells there is little option but to repair the roof.

"Bells signify so many things: a wedding: the new year, VE-Day; the coming of

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Karadzic agrees to give up all powers

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian Serb leader. Radovan Karadzic, indicted as a war criminal, resigned yes-terday from all public office after a marathon ten-hour diplomatic battle between Richard Holbrouke, the American envoy, and Serb leaders in Belgrade. After months of failed efforts by the European Community, his resignation was a victory for American diplomacy in the Balkans and a breakthrough in the logjam threatening postwar elections in Bosnia.

Mr Holbrooke announced that Dr Karadzic had resigned with immediate effect as president of the Bosnian Serb Republic and head of the ruling Serb Democratic Party (SDS) in a live CNN interview. minutes before a news conference in the Serbian capital.

As of today ... Dr Karadzic has relinquished the office of president of the Bosnian Serb Republic and all powers associated therewith and states he shall withdraw immediately and permanently from all political activity." Mr Hol-banke said. "He will not appear in public, on radio, or on television or other media and means of communication, or participate in any way in the elections. As of today, Dr Karadzic relinquishes the presidency of the SDS and all

powers and responsibilities." However, Mr Holbrooke urged caution over the deal, which made no mention of General Ratko Mladic, com-mander of the Bosnian Serb Army and also indicted as a war criminal, and failed to secure the extradition of either

"It falls short of our goals." Mr Holbrooke said later, "Indicted war criminals should be at The Hague to face trial ... but this is a long and very tade at street is a safe at a safe at the safe at the

The statement signed by Karadzic yesterday

Dr Karadzic signed the agreement in Pale, his fieldom east of Sarajevo. Excluded from the negotiations in Belgrade as the result of his indictment and the interna-tional warrant issued for his arrest, the document was faxed to him. At his elbow stood Jovica Stanisic, security chief to President Milosevic of Serbia, who was present toensure his compliance.

Dr Karadzic was replaced as the head of the SDS by Aleksa Buha, the Bosnian Serb Foreign Minister. Biljana Plavsic, another hardline nationalist to whom Dr Karadzic had earlier ceded "executive powers" to fend off his own political demise, is to remain acting president.

Mr Holbrooke, recalled from his new civilian job as a Wall Street investment banker, had flown to Belgrade to enforce the shaky Dayton peace deal he secured last November after months of European efforts had failed to secure Dr Karadzic's removal. Bosnian Muslims had threatened to boycott the polls, scheduled for September 14, if Dr Karadzic remained on the

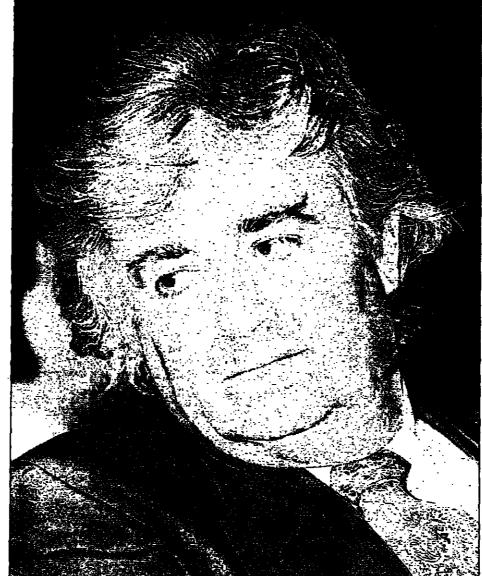
Mr Holbrooke produced the deal after "acrimonious" nego-tiations with President Milosevic, during which documents were shuttled overnight between Belgrade and Pale. Only the previous day he had cautioned that the talks with Mr Milosevic were punishing and that he doubted whether he could achieve a prompt dispatch of Dr Karadzie to political obscurity.

However, yesterday he was clearly enjoying his successful return to international trouble-shooting. "These were very tough negotiations," he said. Everyone understood that, if we didn't get results, there would be very serious conse-quences ... but 1 believe we have a good chance of making

Aware, though, that this was far from a triumph, he conceded: "The elections will be flawed ... if this is implemented, this is a very big step towards successful elections. But there are no guarantees."

what Mr Milosevic received in return, but some political analysts believe he demanded economic aid and guarantees that the strategic land corridor through Brcko, in northern Bosnia, should remain in Bosnian Serb control. Under the Dayton agreement, possession of Brcko should be settled through arbitration.

Although the removal of Dr Karadzic removes the biggest obstacle to September's elections, he remains free to participate in the inner councils of his hardline allies in Pale. Even if they were to ostracise him, Mr Buha, Mrs Playsic and Momeilo Krajisnik, Speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament, are politicians from the same mould. Karadzic and General Mladic



Radovan Karadzic, who signed away his authority under American pressure

casts shadows over the prospects for peace. The latter remains in control of the Bosnian Serb Army and is regarded by most Bosnian them, as they see it, from an Islamic threat.

The international community has so far been reluctant to attempt any arrest of the two men because of the complicated military, political and legal considerations involved, preferring instead to exert pres-

Lure of Chinese trade eclipses frontier fears



James Pringle, in a second report from the Sino-Russian border, finds market forces hard at work in Suifenhe despite lingering political tensions

MISHA, Sasha and Kuliya, tough Russian truck drivers in their late forties who ply between this Chinese border town in eastern Heilongjiang province and the Russian Far East, were adamant as they stood beside their giant vehicles on the Chinese side of the border that no Russian territory should be handed over to

"Russian blood was spilt winning this land," said Sasha — the three gave only their first names - who claimed he had been a young border guard in 1969 when Russia and China almost went to war over a marshy island in the Ussuri river to the north of here. "My grandfather fought for this soil and we must not give back even a square yard."

The drivers, whose comments about Chinese were as robust as their remarks about Russian customs officials, seemed to represent an older Russia, but Tanva Ivanova, 21, a Russian girl from Khabarovsk who looked more like a model than what she really is — a sausage-maker and trader - is another: a post-Soviet woman.

Browsing for clothes in Suifenhe market with her Chinese joint-venture partner, Miss Ivanova appeared to have an easygoing relation-ship with Chinese traders, and spoke out freely on politics. Besides pork for the sausage-making plant she represents, she was buying vegetables, toys and building materials to sell in Russia and clothes for herself. She offered to trade timber, frozen fish, fertiliser, copper and scrap metal from the Amur river region around

Khabarovsk. The atmosphere in the market at Suifenhe, a town established originally when Russia built the South Manchurian Railway through here in 1903 as the vital final link of the Trans-Siberian Railway, was

bargained. Residents said that when trade first resumed fights over shoddy goods, but now there are quality control officials at customs on both sides of the frontier. "We want to ensure only high-quality goods pass into Russia," said Fan Ziyaoi, a quarantine officer on the Chinese side. More than 1,200 companies

that lacked proper qualifica-tions were shut down in the earlier sweep, while those with sound business practices have established direct trade ties with Russian companies. The Russian Far Fast Fleet now largely rusting, is based at Vladivostok, chief city of the Russian Maritime Prov-



means, to the annovance of the Chinese, Ruler of the East. Vladivostok is also the base of the hardline Russian Maritime Province's Governor, Vitali Nazdratenko, who believes, like the truckers, that even the 5.8 square miles of land already demarcated should not be handed back to

The 1991 deal was reached by "discredited politicians such as Mikhail Gorbachev and Eduard Shevardnadze, the latter not even Russian", locals say. "[President] Yeltsin has to

be careful because giving up Russian land is an emotional issue among some Russian nationalists here," whispered one Russian businessman in Suifenhe market. "It could Russian and Chinese traders assination."

How failed poet nurtured grudge against Sarajevo

By Dessa Trevisan and Michael Dynes

HAD Radovan Karadzic succeeded in becoming a member the Bosnian Writers' Union, different — and with it the

Karadzic as a rather ludicrous Saddam Hussein and few figure on the fringe of the writers' union. Former friends say that he was a laughing stock in an atmosphere where jokes and bonhomie were part of Sarajevo intellectual life.

He would later claim he was discriminated against as a Serb. In fact, he wrote only one or two books of children's poetry and he failed to qualify for membership. That was long ago, but his resentment appears to have festered. Even after he rose to fame, he boasted about his poetry and would recite his work to Western reporters.

Even now that he has resigned as president of the Bosnian Serb Republic and head of the Serb Democratic Party (SDS), he cannot be discounted. Dr Karadzic has A Bosnian writer recalls Dr the staying power of a expect him to relinquish his ability to pull strings. The seat of power he has vacated has been filled by nationalist hardliners as committed as he to the separatist nationalism

> demise of the Dayton accords. Western diplomats feared that Dr Karadzic would attempt to turn the September poll into a referendum on his own popularity. That danger has now been removed. But suspicions are already growing that there may have been a secret deal under which Dr Karadzic agreed to shut up in

public provided an international court did not get the chance to shut him up in jail. Dr Karadzic may be reviled around the world as the architect of "ethnic cleansing". But among his people he is still seen as the man who saved the Bosnian Serbs from genocide, and they will not give him up without a fight.

Nevertheless, time would appear to be running out for him and General Ratko Mladic, two of the world's most that sparked the war and the notorious fugitives. Despite their brazen behaviour in the Serb statelet, both fear they could be the target of a surprise Nato-led commando raid. There are many more in Pale, their capital, not to mention Belgrade, who have much to fear from them being brought to The Hague to give evidence.

Bonn offers Bosnians cash incentives to return home

FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN

GERMANY, by far the largest recipient of refugees in Europe, is trying to ease the repatriation of the 320,000 Bosnians who fled to this country and has launched a programme to meet the costs of their fares home.

Under the scheme, which will take effect in the coming weeks, the Government will pick up the cost of a trip home in a variety of ways — by air.

bus, train and even by car. The Family Ministry said it had a budget of DM7.4 mil-lion (£3.3 million) for this year which would be used to pay not only fares home, but also for transport of personal belongings. Refugees returning home will no longer be required to sign a declaration promising never to return as

sylum-seekers. The move was welcomed yesterday by Judith Kumin, of

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the United Nations High affected by the civil war, and Commissioner for Refugees in Germany, who called it "an important step". However, in a recent interview with Die Zeit. she warned Germany that the repatriation exercise would take at least two years

and some people would stay

others who might want to complete their job training. About half of all Bosnian refugees outside the former Yugoslavia are in Germany. Most have been kept in refugee housing estates on the outskirts of cities. German law behind. These included those forbids them from seeking who had been psychologically employment.

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Yangtze alert as flood toll reaches 716

FLOODS affecting central and southern China have now killed 716 people (James Pringle writes). Thousands of troops were piling up sacks of rice yesterday to reinforce dykes as the Yangtze river threatened to burst its banks.

Two million people have been forced to leave their homes, and 2.5 million acres of crops have been destroyed. Chinese officials said. Triple blast

Moscow: Three bombs exploded almost simultaneously in buildings belonging to law and order organisations in Kirghizia's capital, Bishkek, but there were no injuries, Tass reported. (Réuter)

Doctors quizzed

Wuppertal: German prosecutors are investigating 1,860 doctors and health executives from 418 hospitals on suspicion of accepting £14 million in bribes to buy equipment, including heart valves. (Reuter)

Suu Kyi tribute

Rangoon: Aung San Suu Kyi. Burma's democracy leader, made a low-key appearance at an official Martyrs' Day ceremony, placing flowers at her father's tomb at the Martyrs' Mausoleum. (Reuter)

Pertect pitch

Warsaw: Polish divers exploring the 18th-century wreck of the English General Carleton of Whitby under the Baltic found a legible book and other relics well preserved by the vessel's cargo of tar. (Reuter)

Top fashion photographer and former Warhol collaborator among the dead

Blast brings brutal end to romantic mission

By James Bone in New York AND PAUL WILKINSON

A MAN carrying a diamond engagement ring for a romantic rendezvous in Paris, a top fashion photographer, an Up-per East Side socialite, an icehockey star, an interior designer who was once Andy Warhol's lover - all were united in tragedy by the crash of Flight 800.

The 230 passengers lost in the waters off Long Island included Boy Scouts and businessmen. holidaymakers and

THE VICTIMS

honeymooners, wine buffs and jetsetters.

Perhaps the most prominent was Jed Johnson, 47, one of New York's best known on his way to Paris to remodel the offices of Yves Saint Lau-

rent, the couturier.
With no formal training, Mr
Johnson had started out by mopping floors at Andy Warhol's studio, the Factory. where he became romantically involved with the founder of Pop Art for the best part of a

Mr Johnson worked with Warhol on some of his most famous films, and directed the cult classic Bad. Drawing on the styles that he had seen in the famous European houses he visited with the artist, he redesigned Warhol's town-house on Manhattan's Upper East Side, in which he later

Other clients included not only Yves Saint Laurent but also Mick Jagger, the lead singer of the Rolling Stones, and his wife Jerry Hall, the model, the film director Mike Nichols and the Hollywood

star Richard Gere. Another of his customers. Barbaralee Diamondsteinson: "He had uncommon grace." Also on board Flight 800 was Rico Puhlmann, 62. the veteran fashion photographer, who had been travelling to Paris to do a photo-shoot.

The Berlin-born Mr Puhlmann, 62, was a child movie star who moved to New York as a photographer in the early 1970s and went on to work for the world's top fashion magazines. His pictures adorned the cover of Harper's Bazaar more than

125 times. Eileen Ford, of the Ford Model Agency, called him a photographer of "outstanding style, simplicity and taste, and perhaps the last of the great gentleman photographers".

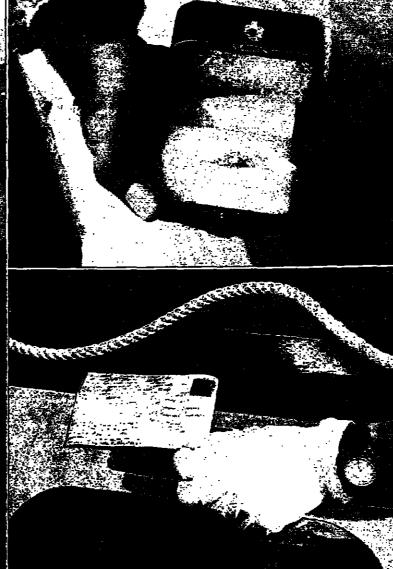
The renowned jazz saxophonist and composer Wayne Shorter, who was on tour in Italy, lost his wife, Ana Maria Shorter, and the jazz singer Jon Lucien lost his daughter,

Other passengers included Judith Connelly Delourvrier, an Upper East Side philanthropist who once worked as assistant to the head of Impressionist art at Sotheby's: lack O'Hara, an Emmy-winning television producer on his way to oversee coverage of the Tour de France; and Michel Breistroff, a member of the French national ice

hockey team.
The town of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, remained in mourning for the death of 16 school pupils and five teachers who had been on their way to study French.

Also presumed dead were a couple of elderly wine enthusiasts making a long-awaited trip to France's vineyards, a pair of Boy Scouts and their families from Alabama, and two Italian newlywed couples who had been honeymooning in America and had been Rome but lost their seats.





Rescue workers on the US Coast Guard cutter Juniper load luggage from Flight 800 picked up from the sea off Long Island. Among personal effects recovered were a diamond engagement ring and a postcard. Salvage operators believe they would soon find the plane's flight recorder

Andrew Krukar, 40, of Bridgewater, Connecticut, was carrying a diamond engagement ring in his pocket so that he could propose to his girlfriend in Paris when she oined him at the end of a business trip.

Another romance that ended in tragedy was the tale of two of the 35 TWA staff who were lost in the disaster. Jacques and Connie Charbonnier fell in love as flight attendants 21 years ago and tried to work the New York-Paris route together as much as possible, up to five times a month. That was their route, Flight 800," one

> Perhaps the luckiest person was Eileen Rence, of Apple- ish-born woman who died on their own restaurant in Prato, board, which made things in his restaurant.

gate, Wisconsin. Ms Rence, who teaches English as a second language and was on her brother, Ian. her way to visit her daughter The mother of four, origi-

in Paris, missed the plane because her connecting flight from Chicago was delayed for four hours by thunderstorms. She arrived at New York's Kennedy Airport 15 minutes before the TWA flight left, but airline officials refused to allow her on to the plane. "I guess I cheated the grim reaper," she said.

After showing reporters her ticket for Flight 800, Ms Rence boarded a later TWA plane for Paris, apparently undeterred by her lucky escape. "I figure, what's the chance of this happening twice?," she said.

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fornia with her second husband Pietro D'Iorio. He was also killed. The couple, who

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the flight, was returning from near Florence, for the past 11 even worse. All we wanted

Yesterday her relatives in Halifax were asking why it had taken the authorities 14 hours to confirm that Mrs Bailey, 45, had been on the

Her brother, John, told of the anxious wait as his mother, Emma, 66, phoned the Paris emergency helpline number to discover whether she was a victim of the

disaster. "We were hoping she had managed to get the flight to Amsterdam. We phoned the emergency telephone number in Paris, but the lines were jammed all day. Mum finally got through but they said they

was a yes or no, but the agony of not knowing just went on. The emergency line was useless. How can an airline not know the names of the passen-

gers on board?" It was 14 hours before Mrs Bailey's daughter, Chelsea, 21, who lives with her in Italy, phoned from Prato to say that airport officials in Rome had confirmed her mother and

stepfather were dead. Mrs Bailey met her second husband in the Cherry Tree Italian restaurant in Halifax when she took a job as a waitress after her first marriage ended. When Signor D'Iorio moved back to his home town she emigrated

First tests find no traces of explosive

BY JAMES BONE

AS NAVY divers searched for the two "black boxes" from Flight 800 in the waters off Long Island, the first postmortem examinations revealed that some of the victims had drowned.

Charles Wetli, the Suffolk County medical examiner. said some of the bodies retrieved by rescuers had water in their lungs, indicating that they had still been breathing when the aircraft hit the Atlantic_

He dismissed speculation, however, that they might have been trapped in the Boeing 744 as it sank 120ft to the seabed. Instead, they were likely to have been unconscious on impact and already near death. Post-mortem ex-

CLUES ...

aminations revealed most passengers had died from "massive blunt force" either from the collision with objects in the cabin or from the rapid deceleration.
"Death literally occurred in a heartbeat," Dr Wetli said.

Many of the victims suffered "chemical burns", but the first 20 autopsies yielded no evidence of any explosives or any shrapnel that would indicate a bomb.

With 140 bodies recovered. many badly charred or dismembered, corpses were being stored in a refrigerated lorry before being examined. Bodies are weighed, photo-graphed, X-rayed, then placed on a stainless steel table for a two-hour post mortem.

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As dozens of Coast Guard vessels continued to haul wreckage from the surface. divers scoured the seabed for the Boeing 747's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder. The two black boxes, which start to emit a "pinging sound on contact with water, are expected to yield information into the cause of

The US Navy had a submarine MR2 Remote Operating Vehicle standing by in case retrieved by divers.



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Congress weighs new airport curbs while school grieves for lost pupils

US security under fire as sabotage suspicion grows

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WITH fears rising that sabo-tage destroyed TWA Flight 800, attention focused yesterday on America's continued lag in airport security despite the promise of improvements after Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie eight years ago.

At issue now is whether it was possible for terrorists to smuggle a bomb on board the

American airports are still open to unauthorised access. according to Mary Schiavo, a fierce critic of airline safety. who has just resigned in frustration as inspector-general of the Department of Transportation. She said her staff tested security at four of America's busiest airports and in 15 out of 20 attempts were able to enter secure areas unchallenged. When they re-peared the exercise earlier this year, they breached security 40 per cent of the time.

Members of Congress summoned Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials for secret briefings on screening procedures for airline passengers and cargo. They were not

steps that may be costly and may involve inconvenience," said Larry Pressler, Republican chairman of the Commerce Committee. Other senators said security may have to be tightened to the point where it disrupts airline schedules and leads to a steep

increase in fares. A presidential commission investigated the Lockerbie

TERRORISM

bombing, in which less than a pound of Semtex plastic explosive was hidden inside a cassette player in a suitcase that was transferred to the plane in Germany from a flight originating in Malta. The commission's recommendations were incorporated in the 1990 Aviation Security

Not all those recommendations have been implemented. Advanced bomb detectors have still not been installed at all high-risk airports. Machines to detect plastic and liquid explosives, which do not show up on older X-ray machines, are operating only in

board by a passenger in Athens and left undetected. We're going to have to take Atlanta for the Olympics and The sister of one of the Lockerbie victims yesterday Captain and team voiced concern that airlines are still not treating security as seriously as necessary.
Pamela Dix, a spokesworn-

Seat prices jump as

'Shaq' nets \$120m

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

an for the campaign group Disaster Action, whose broth-er Peter died on the Pan Am jet, said safety improvements appear to come about only in response to disasters.

New York: Shockwaves

San Francisco. The advanced

detectors cost about \$1 million (£660,000) each.

bility, mail and cargo still fly

on international routes with

little screening, according to

The FAA requires all US

international carriers to in-

spect carry-on bags and to

match a passenger for each piece of checked luggage.

TWA has not disclosed wheth-

er these precautions were car-

ried out before Flight 800 took off from New York for Paris

Suspicions of investigators

have fallen on Athens, from

where the jet flew earlier in the

day to New York. Athens Airport is a notorious security

blackspot and was briefly on

an FAA warning list earlier this year. Cabins, cockpits and

cargo bays of passenger jets flying to the US are checked

before leaving an overseas airport, but it is not clear that

they are routinely reinspected in the US. This raises the

question of whether a bomb

could have been carried on

on Wednesday.

airline safety experts.

In another area of vulnera-

from the crash reverberated yesterday around the courtroom here where the alleged mastermind of the World Trade Centre bombing is on trial for plotting to attack US airliners over Asia (James Bone writes). Jurors were told to avoid listening to or reading reports about the crash while considering the case against Ramzi Yousef. Pakistan last year after an

attend Lakers' games. Mr

O'Neal appeared undaunted

at a press conference. "Pres-

sure is when you don't know

where your next meal is

Though not a record for

annual sports earnings, the \$120 million contract dwarfs

the \$30 million for which

Michael Jordan recently re-joined the Chicago Bulls for another year. It guarantees Mr O'Neal \$209,959 per game

and \$5,801 per minute on

court. As an annual salary, it

works out at roughly 100 times

what President Clinton earns.

ployed mother in New Jersey,

Born to an unwed, unem-

coming from," he said.



Friends and relatives of the pupils attending a memorial service at their school

The town's sign is draped in mourning

Teenagers mourned by friends

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN MONTOURSVILLE

MONTOURSVILLE, a town of 5,000 people in northeast Pennsylvania, yesterday mourned the deaths of 16 teenagers and five adult

The 13 girls and three boys were seniors at Montoursville High School and belonged to the French Club.
Most had saved up for the
\$1,500 (£960) eight-day trip to
Paris that ended in tragedy.
Amanda Kerschner, 17,
like many of her friends.

worked part-time at a sandwich shop to put together the money for the trip - her first abroad and her first flight Her boss. Charlie DeSanto, said: "She told some of the girls she was afraid and 1 told her: 'Don't worry about it. Nothing ever happens on these big planes'."

Teams of psychologists and crisis experts have descended

on the town to help family and friends of the victims.

Chirac breaks news to tragic family

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

WHEN President Chirac expressed his shock at the deaths of the passengers aboard the Paris-bound TWA flight, he said he had "a special thought for the French victims, all the more because it turns out that I knew one of them".

He was referring to Rodolphe Merieux, 26, the grandson of Charles Merieux, founder of Merieux Laboratories, the prestigious medical research company. who was accompanying M Chirac on his African trip. The Merieux are no strangers to tragedy. Rodolphe was the younger brother of Christophe Merieux, whose

kidnapping in 1975 at the age of nine gripped France. Christophe was eventual- French guitarist who popularised country ly released three days later unharmed after his family paid a Fr20 million (£25 million) ransom against police advice.

Alain Merieux, Christophe's father, had appealed to the then Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac, not to intervene until his son was freed. The kidnappers were later caught. M Merieux, who has expressed gratitude to M Chirac whom he credited with saving his child's life, has since stood unsuccessfully as a candidate for M Chirac's RPR party. The President, who said he knew Rodolphe, broke the news of his death personally to Charles Merieux during his visit to the Congo.

music in Europe, was among the victims. Dadi, 46, was on his way home from being honoured at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee. Dadi was one of the rare French

guitarists to make his name both in America and Europe. He began his career in France in 1972, where he helped to spread the "flat-picking" style of Chet Atkins, the country guitarist.

Atkins was a personal friend of Dadi's, and the two played together several times at the Olympia in Paris. Dadi also performed once at the Grand Ole Opry country music show in Nashville. (AP)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jet failure blamed on pilots

Taipei: Taiwan's China Airlines acknowledged yes-terday that errors by its pilots contributed to a 1994 crash that killed 264 people near Nagoya, Japan.

The airline stopped short of taking full responsi-bility, saying a final report issued yesterday by Japanese authorities also blamed design flaws in the highly automated Airbus A300-600 jetliner built by France's Airbus Industrie. The report by Japan's Transport Ministry said pilot errors stalled the automatic piloting system

Land clashes

before the aircraft could

land. Only seven survived the crash. (Reuter)

Qaryout. West Bank: Jewish settlers broke a Palestinian woman's nose and clubbed two foreign cameramen in clashes with Arabs protesting against land seizures. (Reuter)

Children die

Dhaka: Fourteen children drowned in swirling flood waters that have inundated nearly one-third of Bangladesh, officials said. Planes are dropping food to ma-rooned people. (AP)

Fuel tragedy

Lome: An abandoned pet-rol tanker caught fire in Togo, killing 27 people north of here after villagers, one carrying an oil lamp, tried to scavenge some of its fuel. (Reuter)

Hutus killed

Gitega, Burundi: More than 300 civilians from Burundi's Hutu majority were killed during army offensives at the end of June in Gitega province, local sources said. (AFP)

Over-exposed

Cologne: Cathedral staff chased off Adam and Eve models posing at the high altar in fig leaves. A photographer released mice as a distraction, but his lighting gave him away. (AFP)

'highly experienced' TWA Flight 300 were highly



Snyder: had been with TWA for 32 years

Guess who's

not coming

to dinner

FROM REUTER

IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

AMERICAN Friends of the

Mary Rose, one of the fa-

vourite charities of the Prince

of Wales, threw a party for

their royal admirer, but al-

most no one who was anyone

The event on Thursday

night, while lacking in the expected host of paying guests, prominent members

of Newport society and much

of the media, went ahead as

planued at Harbour Court.

the summer home of the New

As most of the nation

concentrated on the tragedy

off Long Island, New York.

guests at this Rhode Island

haunt for the rich gathered

for the formal dinner, where

The charity sent out 3,500

invitations to what was billed

as a gala fundraiser to help to

Henry VIII's warships that

sank four centuries ago in a

But only 225 paying guests

attended. Ticket prices began

at over £300 each.

restore the vessel, one

under a smallish white tent

the Prince spoke briefly.

York Yacht Club.

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experienced and had both been with the airline for more than 30 years, TWA officials said yesterday. Captain Steven Snyder, 57, from Stratford, Connecticut, had 17,269 hours' flying time and 32 years with the company, while his co-pilot, Captain Ralph Kevorkian, 58, had 18,791 hours and 31 years.

They were accompanied by flight engineer Richard Campbell, 63, who had 30 years of Krick, 25. There were also 14

HE is 7ft lin, weighs 320lb and

wears size 22 shoes. Besides

being one of America's top

basketball centres, he is a

rapper and film star. It was

perhaps inevitable that when

Shaquille "Shaq" O'Neal rene

break records.

gotiated his contract he would

In the biggest individual

salary deal in American sport-

ing history, the 24-year-old Mr

O'Neal has agreed to move

from Florida's Orlando Magic

to the Los Angeles Lakers for

\$120 million (£79 million), to

Lakers an international star to .

replace the recently retired and HIV-positive Earvin

Magic" Johnson. Capping a

frenzied week of trading for

the National Basketball Asso-

ciation, it also puts the giant Mr O'Neal under huge pres-

Within hours of his move

being announced on Thurs-

day, the cheapest ticket prices

at the Lakers' home arena shot

up from \$9 to \$21. A new

stadium is planned to capital-

ize on Mr O'Neal's popularity.

with special boxes to accom-

modate the film stars who

sure to perform.

be paid over seven years. The deal gives the renowned

Romania hails aid

FROM SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST

by Britain

THE achievements of British volunteers and aid agencies in Romania received high praise yesterday after talks in Bucharest between Baroness Chalker, Minister for Over-seas Development, and President Iliescu of Romania.

The British Know-How Fund, a leading overseas development agency, has supported a wide range of successful initiatives in the financial, agricultural, educational and civic areas. Their successes are in contrast to European Commission projects which have borne the brunt of recent

"Shaq" now sends her 50 dozen red roses every Moth-er's Day and owns vast homes criticism in Romania. Lady Chalker spent several days visiting orphanages and in Florida and LA's Manhatother health and social centres where thousands of British tan beach. A tattoo on his right arm (with which he averaged nurses, doctors and teachers points a game for Orlando have worked over the last six years improving the lives of orphans and children sufferlast season) reads: "The world ing from Aids.

Los Angeles excitement Romania has one of the over its latest sporting recruit is hard to overstate. On the highest paediatric Aids populations in Europe, and the day of the Olympics' opening ceremony, his move took up British group, the Romanian Orphans' Appeal, has been foremost in helping them. five pages of the Los Angeles Times sports section.

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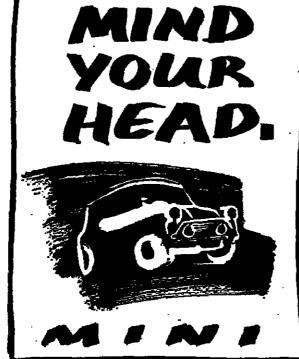
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'I cannot turn myself from being the granddaughter of Il Duce into that of Adam Smith'

La Mussolini's party piece

IS THE granddaughter of Il Duce, Alessandra Mussolini, thinking about forming her own political party? Her Naples constituency is awash with rumours that she intends to stand for election as Mayor next year and use the post as a power base from

which to regroup the Italian Right after its defeat in national elections in April. La Mussolini is not shy of using her name to advance the causes in which she believes. To the despair of those who prefer neat labels, these combine "leftwing concerns, such as the environment and women's rights, with the more

from Italian Fascism. "My grandfather opened the way for the modernisation of Italy," she says.

familiar ideological baggage inherited



while acknowledging that Fascism had its dark side. There are many on the Right who agree that the Fascists had to evolve into a more modern conservative party - the "post-Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale, which Signora Mussolini joined when it was founded by Gianfranco Fini four years ago — but think Il Duce's memory should not be

buried altogether.
Signora Mussolini is also helped by her looks — the full figure, tumbling hair

Little love lost for Nelson

THE story of Lord Nelson's affair with Emma Hamilton is being filmed in Naples, where they cavorted during the Britain, it has less than fond memories 1799 rebellion against the Bourbons.

Donne nella Tempesta (Women in the Storm) is being made jointly by RAI Television, French television and the BBC. It stars Daniel Day-Lewis as Nelson and Nastassja Kinski as Caroli-

of Nelson, who used his flagship, HMS Vanguard, to spirit Carolina and Ferdinand away to Palermo with Emma and her cuckolded husband, the British minister, Sir William Hamilton. Nelson later helped to put down the rebellion.

and almond eyes she has in common with her aunt, the actress Sophia Loren. Her bared all for Playboy has not always been an asset. As L'Espresso put it, she was once "better known for posing in lace than for the profundity of her thought".

s 33, and starting her second term as MP for Naples and Ischia, with a convincing majority. She is married to a policeman, and their daughter, Catrina, is nearly a year old.

Signora Mussolini acquired stature by sparring with Signor Fini after the Centre-Left's election victory, arguing that it was a mistake for the Alleanza Nazionale to align itself with Forza Italia. led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon who is on trial for corruption. In his desire to be seen as "liberal", she

says, Signor Fini has distanced the party too far from its origins. "I cannot turn from the granddaughter of Il Duce into the granddaughter of Adam Smith," she says. She is expected to challenge Antonio Bassolino, the popular left-wing Mayor of Naples, when his term expires next year. She admires him for regenerating the city and believes that, although she narrowly lost the mayoral battle to him last time, she could convince voters that she would further revitalise Naples.



Signora Mussolini, who backs left-wing concerns and Fascist ideals, is trying to create a power base in Naples to rally the Italian Right

Gay parade meets church backlash

ANTONIO BASSOLINO, the left-wing Mayor of Naples, has brought new life to the city's streets. But he went too far for the local church hierarchy when he recently sanctioned a demonstration by 15,000 gays, lesbians and transsexuals.

The protesters, in outrageous costumes, paraded from the station to the seafront, passing the town hall, where Signor Bassolino assured them that he stood for "respect for the right to make free life choices, and liberty for all". The leader of the national gay organisation, Franco Grillini, was delighted, observing that homosexuals had "struck a blow for tolerance in the heart of the macho South".

Less impressed was the Bishop of Naples, Michele Giordano, who said it was "absolutely unacceptable" to allow a show of strength by a section of society which "undermines the institution of the family". He added that, while the Church believed in "human understanding" for gays, it disapproved of a "progressive" leader such as Signor Bassolino contributing to "moral chaos". The regional secretary of the neo-Fascists applauded Bishop Giordano for standing firm against "this squalid, disturbing and vulgar spectacle".

States refuse to

endorse Kohl's

French rail chairman quits post

FROM REUTER

THE chairman of France's SNCF state railways, Loik Le Floch-Prigent, resigned yesterday after a court ruled he must remain in custody in a corruption investigation.

The Transport Ministry, which announced his resignation, is expected to name a replacement candidate in coming days, and his succes-sor should be confirmed by

the Cabinet on July 24.

MLe Floch-Prigent had just set about overhauling the SNCF after months sweeten-ing the unions and 180,000 rail employees in the wake of a crippling 24-day strike at the end of last year. He joins a swelling list of at least a dozen industry chiefs under investigation.

☐ Grasse: Gilles Mouillot, a municipal councillor and the son of the Mayor of Cannes, tained yesterday on suspicion of involvement in an alleged attempt by his father to extort money from a British gambling firm, judicial sources said. He is being held in

Juppé aid package to revive Corsica

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE French Prime Minister. Alain Juppė, has announced an aid package for Corsica totalling Fr3.5 billion (£448 million) over five years.

The package, which M Juppé described as being "without precedent", comprises significant tax incentives for local businesses and is the first step in a government initiative to revive the island's ailing economy. Economic aid forms the first part of a three-pronged policy on Corsica announced by President Chirac earlier in the week. The other aspects are a firm stance against terrorism

and "positive dialogue". On his first official visit to "the impossible island" since he assumed office, M Juppé appeared particularly determined to reassert French authority. "Corsica is part of the nation. Corsica is French," he told the regional parliament in

He went on to lecture local authorities on their duty to uphold justice. "Your mission is to implement the law and carry out necessary investigations, whatever the nature of the crimes and whoever is

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suspected," he told about 200

police and gendarmes. He also admonished magistrates in the northern town of Bastia that laws must be "applied with the same firmness, the same rigour, as in the

rest of France". had com-Magistrates plained earlier this year that terrorists act with impunity on the island, which has been racked by 20 years of bombings by separatists. Two weeks ago a leading nationalist was killed by a car bomb that marked an escalation in a long feud between warring separatist factions.

Among the measures to be introduced as part of the aid package are exemptions from corporation and income tax for five years for industrial, commercial and agricultural firms. Businesses in Corsica would also be exempt from local business tax up to a certain level. The plan is subject to approval by the European Union

The island has seen revenues from tourism, its main industry, drop another 15 per cent this year on 1995, itself a poor season.

Spanish discover wall that kept Rome at bay

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SPANISH archaeologists have stumbled on the remains of a defensive wall more than 2,000 years old, used by the Celtiberians of the town of Numantia in their bloody resistance to the Romans.

The fragments of wall, discovered after extensive aerial photography with infra-red cameras, lie under farmland near the village of Garray, 3.75 miles to the north of the Castilian town of Soria. The wall was probably built around 140BC, when the Romans began their siege of Numantia, the small hill town which was the warlike Celtiberians' capital.

Although the Romans eventually won, the siege of Numantia lasted for six bitter years, pitting 60,000 wellarmed legionaries against a mere 4,000 Celtiberians. In one of Rome's greatest miligionaries were taken prisoner in 137BC.

With its high casualty rate and a fierce, primitive enemy, the Numantine war was a running sore in Roman political life. The Spanish front was



unpopular with metropolitan soldiers and the generals always met resistance in the Senate in Rome when raising levies for their campaign expenses.

The latest discovery of fragments of wall would suggest that the Celtiberians combined their legendary bravery with a surprisingly advanced grasp of military strategy. The characteristics of the stone. and the crude manner of arrangement, have convinced archaeologists the wall could not possibly have been built by

the Romans themselves. The existence of these previously unknown stone defences perhaps explains why the

Romans had to call for the celebrated general, Scipio Africanus, to break a five-year deadlock in 134BC. Scipio took a year to wear the Numantines down, building a series of walls around the town to "lock in" the inhabitants. He finally won in 133 BC, razing the town and slaughtering its inhabitants.

The Roman chronicler Appian, in his record of the end of the siege, described how on the faces of the vanquished Celtiberians "were written rage and pain and exhaustion". They surrendered to Scipio, "offering a strange and horrible sight, their bodies dirty, squalid and stinking, their nails long, their hair unkempt and their dress

repugnant". The heroism of the ancient Celtiberians has an honoured place in the collective memory a play called The Siege of Numantia, and it is not uncommon for trade unions toresistance" against job cuts, redundancies and other modern forms of warfare.

largely intended to bring Germany's deficit down to 25 per cent of gross domestic product by 1999, within the Maastricht treaty criteria. The current deficit is 3.5 per cent. However, Oskar Lafontaine, head of the SPD, denied it had organised a blockade.

Rather, he said, it was the duty

of the Lander to correct the

qualifying for membership of

a European single currency.

was rejected yesterday by par-

During an emotional four-

hour debate in the Bundesrat.

the Chancellor's attempt to cut

spending was rejected by a

majority of the 16 Lander

(states), causing the entire

budget to be delayed for

months while an arbitration

committee steps in. Most of

the speakers termed the pro-

The budget will now go to the Bundestag, the Lower

House, for another vote when

it reconvenes in September

Democrats (SPD) holding the

majority in the Bundesrat.

they were able to block Herr Kohl's plans, which were

after the summer recess.

posals "unfair to the poor".

liament's Uppper House.

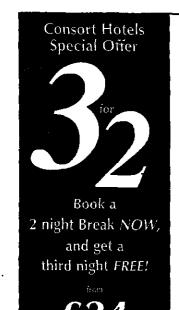
austerity budget FROM MICHAEL KALLENBACH IN BONN HELMUT KOHL'S latest tice and fight unemployment. austerity budget, designed to create an economic climate he said. "What's the point of that will put Germany in the grandparents working longer than they wish to, while their front row when it comes to

unemployed grandchildren are roaming the streets?" The government plan involves wide-ranging cuts in public spending, amounting to DMSO billion (£21 billion) by next year, and was to include severe reductions in sick pay and unemployment protection. There were also proposals for cuts in federal spending in areas such as transport, agriculture, defence and science.

A package of five separate bills, introduced last month by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, was passed without a problem when taken up by the Bundestag, where Herr Kohl's Centre-Right coalition enjoys a majority.

The Chancellor, who returned from a two-day official visit to Austria to listen to the Bundesrat debate, was clearly disappointed with its result. Herr Waigel, who shares Herr Kohl's goal of meeting the terms of the Maastricht treaty. accused the SPD of misusing its responsibility and majority in the Bundesrat.

Norbert Blum, the Employment Minister, accused the SPD of doing nothing to produce new ideas to reduce social spending.



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ship in siege of lookout base

Tamil suicide boat sinks navy

A TAMIL rebel suicide boat packed with explosives rammed and sank a Sri Lankan naval ship with more than 40 sailors on board yesterday.

miltary officials said. The attack came after Tamil Tiger guerrillas overcame a commando force sent to break the rebel siege of a military base that is vital for controlling Sri Lanka's northeast

In two days of fighting, the rebels claimed to have killed 400 soldiers. The military command in Colombo gave no casualties, but officials confirmed that hundreds of soldiers were feared dead in one of the biggest battles of the 13year Tamil campaign. The fate of the naval crew on

the Chinese-built patrol boat was not immediately announced. It also was not clear how many rebels were in the suicide boat, which slipped through the ship's defences as it tried to fend off about a

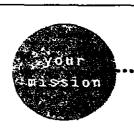
dozen rebel boats. The sea battle off Mullaittivu, 175 miles northeast of the capital, Colombo, came on the second day of fighting surrounding a military base that serves as a lookout post to monitor rebel assault boats and ships.

The Mullaitivu camp is situated north of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) base called One Four, believed to be the command centre of the secessionist LTTE and a place used by their

casualty figures are correct, it will be the biggest setback to the army since the successful takeover of the Tamil-dominated Jaffna peninsula from the Tigers in the last month. The LTTE, which extracted heavy tolls from the people in the Northern province, promising to defend them, received a serious blow to their morale and pride when the army took

resistance from them. Unconfirmed reports said a number of Tiger cadres were trapped between the security forces in the Mullaitivu camp and the reinforcements, but that the rebels had taken away armoured vehicles, guns and

over the area with very little



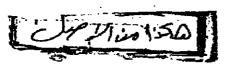
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Is it art, or is it a bag of lard? That is a question worth £10,000 in prize money



POP

And is it Elvis — or is it El Vez, the man who put a Latino stamp on Hound Dog?

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THEXITIMES



you from nipping to Cambridge

life which is subsidised handsome-

ly by that city's ratepayers (£16.57 per head). Similarly, Birmingham

residents (£10.98) are bankrolling

a superb diet of music and theatre

for outlying Warwickshire (£1.31).

Much local-authority spending on

education budget is in shreds;

most kids leave school at 16; and

But that's not the main problem.

and enjoying the excellent theatre

ON MONDAY

Times critics review David Bowie and the other stars at the Phoenix Festival ...



ON MONDAY

... and the opening weekend of concerts and opera from the **BBC** Proms at the Albert Hall

id you, like me, find this year's shortlist for the Tate Gallery's Turner Prize somewhat lacking in agricultural nourishment? No dead sheep to be seen. Not a single rice field attempted by any competitor. And one finalist who actually paints pictures. Honestly, I sometimes despair of our art colleges.

Never mind! There is one prize, at least, that keeps the great traditions of modern British art alive. Yes, an art student is £10,000 richer this week after winning the 1996 Bayer Earth Art Award with a sculpture made of steel, PVC, striplights—and a third of a ton of lard. Dee Meaden, 23, from the Chelsea College of Art (how proud they must be!) beat 330 other entrants with Too Many Variables, which impressed the judges the indefatigably trendy Brian Eno. David Mach and Francis Graham-Dixon) by immersing six striplights in lard to turn it "from a solid white lump into a glowing, amber liquid". Thus it was apparently able to convey "contradictory

A feast of foolishness in the larder feelings of comfort and anxiety".

According to the people at Bayer (who are not completely bonkers, but a German chemicals company), this giant bag of lard invites tactile investigation but also threatens to burst and flood its contents at any moment".

It all reminds me of an accident I

had while trying to defrost our fridge a few years ago. If memory serves, that unfortunate incident also involved a thrilling combustion of steel, spurting methane gas, striplights, live electric wires, charred human flesh (my own) and lard — not to mention marga-rine, a half-eaten trifle, several pints of milk and a kipper.

I cannot recall whether I experienced "contradictory feelings of comfort and anxiety", but I do realise that I was silly to dispose of the wrecked fridge and its unusual soufflé of debris. What I should

have done, of course, was enter the whole ghastly mess for the Bayer Earth Art Award.

ur friends at the Chartered Institute for Public Fi-nance and Accountancy (crazy name, crazy guys!) have once again produced the most astonishing list in British culture. It is the one that reveals the huge differences in local authority sup-

The figures defy all logic. Is Leicestershire a vastly wealthier county than Berkshire? Are the lusty lads of Loughborough so much more cultured than the merry wives of Windsor? It seems improbable. So why is Leicester-shire's arts subsidy 30 times greater per head than Berkshire's?

port for the arts around Britain.

And what of Hertfordshire, that county of wall-to-wall Volvos? I

wonder what its annual subsidy

IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

for the arts — a princely 10p per head — actually buys. Half a banjo? A secondhand tutu? It's the sly, middle-class unfairness of it all that makes me cross.

Living in Royston, Hertfordshire,

violence, and kids kicking around on street corners with nothing to do except get into trouble.

Recently I was in a small town in the west of England. It has no theatre, cinema or youth club. Its

and paying just 10p each year towards the arts doesn't disqualify the main local employer has just relocated. A pub started a disco twice a week; the council closed it for "noise reasons".

You do wonder whether the people running that town are in politics to improve the quality of life, or sadistically to extinguish all hope from the lives of the havenots. This isn't an argument about money; it is about whether we want communities or fragmented, dangerous urban badlands where the only thing that matters is how green the grass is in your own, heavily fortified, backyard.

the arts is for youth or amateur activity. People won't travel out of their area for that. Indeed, young people usually cannot afford to. Instead, there is apathy, boredom, violence, and kids kileking account. led up with all those ancient pop groups that cling desperately to the illusion that they still have something impor-tant to offer the world? Then I bear terriblé tidings. Status Quo, the Stones, Clanton and the rest could still be belting out their whiskery hits half a century from now. Yes, it's sad but apparently true. A BBC TV series called Coming of Age will claim next month that "by the year 2050 there's a very good chance that many Britons will live for 112 years or more".

Mathematically gifted readers will realise the terrible implications. That self-important genera-tion, the "children of the Sixties", could be clogging up the CD catalogues, holding desperate reunions in Hyde Park, and suing Radio I over being "unfairly excluded" from the playlist, well into the 21st century. What chance will teenage newcomers have against frisky ninety-somethings?

Still, let's look on the bright side. Rain-soaked Wimbledon crowds 40 years hence will still be rejoicing to the merry sound of Cliff Richard crooning Summer Holi-day. Jeremy Beadle will still be "about" in 2030. And Messrs Boubill and Schonberg have enough decades left for a dozen more musicals like Martin Guerre. Cheering thoughts.

King of the Mexican wave

sonators — at the Memphis "Weep Week". say, the anniversary of the King's death, or in Chinese restaurants in south London. But El Vez, the Mexican now coming to Britain, has brought the art of imitation to new heights. In a white flared iumpsuit emblazoned with the Virgin of Guadeloupe, El Vez sings You're Nothing But a Chihuahua for Hound Dog: In El Barrio for In the Ghetto and Esta Bien, Mama for

That's Alright, Mama. El Vez began life 32 years ago as Robert Lopez, born to Mexican parents who lived on the American side of the border. When he reached maturity (of sorts) he started buying Day of the Dead folk art cheap in Mexico and hawking it in America. Later. museum in Los Angeles, this inspired him to curate an exhibition of Elvis folk art. Crude Elvis dolls with ceramic heads and really weird jumpsuits, that kinda stuff," he says. "The finest work was a fly-swatter cover crocheted with an image of Elvis."

El Vez appreciated the heartfelt sincerity behind these objects of general ridicule. In his own home he has four velvet paintings of Elvis and a couple of fine oils. The Graceland style — the shagpile, gilt and faux leopard covering — has percolated his inner being. "I love it." he

El Vez, the Presley impersonator for the politically correct, hits London next week. Kate Muir reports

breathes. "My bedroom has a furry Elvis bedspread and gold brocade on the headboard. I have Aztec sundials and gold Elvis discs on the walls, and mirrors on the ceiling." Of course El Vez makes the pilgrimage to Memphis twice a year, for the birth (January 8, 1935) and the death (August 16, 1977) anni-His first performance came

in 1989. "I thought: 'I can do that better than that after I saw impersonators at the Elvis folk art show. I used to sing in a punk rock band, so the idea was to go to Graceland and sing to people waiting in line." Instead, someone told him to call up the annual Elvis

impersonators' contest. "I'm Robert Lopez, I'm calling for the Mexican Elvis, El Vez," he began. "Oh yeah, we've heard of him," they said, although he had just been created spur of the moment. On the plane to the contest

Lopez rewrote some of the songs, practised his moves in the hotel room and sang in a jacket covered in Elvis badges with a painting of El Vez on the back. He also wore a gold sombrero. By the time he got home to Los Angeles calls were coming in from television stations. Oprah Winfrey, Jay Leno, MTV and Joan Rivers courted him, and, six albums later, El Vez is now on his

world tour. I catch up with him, his backing singers the Elvettes, and his band, the Memphis Mariachis, when the tour hit a club just off the porn-packed Reeperbahn in

Do the Germans grasp the ironies here, appreciate the kitsch, and understand Angelino-Latino culture, I wonder. El Vez examines his chipped black nail polish and goes all right-on: In Berlin,

6 I take the Latino point of view and put it on to Elvis's songs 9

when I was singing Immigration Time - which is a borders version of Suspicious Minds - kids came up to me, Turkish kids who lived in Germany, and said they got it.

Germany is now a melting pot, just like America. In Slovenia Croatian kids say they understand about Emiliano Zapata. It puts their lives in context, gives them a. more global point of view."

At the beginning of the show, two red banners are unfurled at the back of the stage, each featuring a black eagle on a white circle. These symbols are not fascist insig-nia." the audience is told. They are the symbols of the National Farmworkers of Mexico [a favoured cause of El

But they have the same shock value, even though the eagle is of Aziec design. "I think it's fascinating that the worst-oppressed people are using the symbols of the worst oppressors," El Vez says. "The Brown Berets were like the Black Panthers of the Latino set. They wore brown shirts." And black nail varnish? When exactly did the real Elvis wear that? "Oh, never. This is part of my celebration of glitter rock. I take Elvis songs and rearrange them with other influences like Bowie and T. Rex. just to show how Elvis's music reflected on other

the Latino point of view and put it on top of Elvis's songs because Presley is the American Dream and, like, I am superimposing the Latino cul-ture on top of the Dream because America can belong to a Latino too." Presumably this is why one of his albums is

called G.I. Ay, Ay! Blues. El Vez points to the quote from the politico-folk singer Phil Ochs, which goes: "If there's any hope for America it lies in a Revolution. And if there's any hope for a Revolution, it lies in getting Elvis Presley to become Ché Guevara." Thus we have the El Vez Rock and Revolution summer tour, and its carefully crafted sales pitch.

El Vez does indeed come on as Guevara, in a crotch-fitting flared jumpsuit in Army camouflage material, and the Elvertes carry plastic machine ins. Standing before the red banners, he opens with a reworking of James Brown: Say it Loud, I'm Brown and I'm Proud. Hundreds of Germans scream and stomp and drink beer. They have no real idea of what is going on. They like El Vez in the same way that they like tortilla chips.

Will the British know any

In the middle of the show there is a ten-minute medley of Elvis songs, and some cos-tume changes which pay trib-ute to the King's tackiest years. El Vez begins in pink flockwallpaper flares, a purple sequined shirt and a feather boa. Then the flares are ripped off to reveal skintight purple satin drainpipes, and a red sequined shirt appears beneath the black. Girls scream. One throws a cuddly bunny. El Vez kisses outstretched hands and, Presley-style, throws sweaty towels into the

The show is as slick as El Vez's concept. No wonder he once had a job as a salesman in an LA shop called Wacko, which sold "crazy plastic Godzilla monsters, Ultraman dolls, all sortsa kitsch". He is merely recycling the songs which parallel that kitschy culture, in a neat political

"The Chicano thing," he says, "is like, in America, we were here first. The Spanish street names in California, the adobe houses, it was all there He plunges deeper: "I take before them. White Americans

love our culture, they love our music, but they just don't love us. We are the maids, the janitors, the dishwashers, and they complain we're taking away their jobs, but they're jobs they don't want. Then there are the sweatshops, the farmworkers sprayed with chemicals while working on the fields as though they are not real people. I don't feel like I'm really being an activist, I just do whatever I can." El Vez has had to dig deep to

find the Aztec in Elvis, but he has discovered the last jumpsuit Presley wore was emblazoned with the Aztec calendar and sundial. He also says that impersonation itself was part of Aztec life. "There was the cult of the King impersonators. An ordinary man would live like a king for a year, and be paraded round the city dressed in robes. At the end of the year, he would be

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New life in the emerald aisles

With a confident swagger, the Irish film industry put itself on show at the Galway Film Fleadh.

Luke Clancy watched the results

Mother's Son was premiered at Cannes this year, one British critic gained an extraordinary amount of publicity for himself and the film by suggesting it was Irish Government-sponsored propaganda.

Leaving aside the propagan da question, the film certainly received strong support from the Republic of Ireland, both from new tax incentives for film productions and from the ne-established Irish Film Board. It was appropriate. then, that the film's second public screening, and its Irish premiere, should be in Galway, the city that is home to that film board.

Since the Irish Government, in the shape of Michael D. Higgins, the Culture Minister, turned its attention to its development, the film sector in Ireland has seen rapid expansion. As proof of this, the Galway film festival this year offered an unprecedented six Irish feature premieres, ranging from George's unequivocally Republican film about the 1981 H-Block hunger strikes, to Exterminator, a flippant, ultra-low-budget ac-

tion movie. Some Mother's Son, which George co-wrote with Jim Sheridan, who collaborated with him on In the Name of the Father, was the only trish feature at the festival to receive a standing ovation, although this was perhaps as much for its frankly Republican sentiments as for its cinematic

value. The film certainly comes with a distinct point of view, powerfully and movingly expressed. It clearly sides with the hunger strikers, seen through the eyes of two of their mothers, played by Helen Mirren and Fionnula Flanagan, but makes no claim to do

It is as polished a production as has ever emerged from the Irish film industry and represents a far-from-rare vision of recent history. It would have been a strange national film board that did not facilitate its production. As it happens, however, only \$1 million of the film's \$8 million budget came from the film board, the remainder arriving from the American giant Castle Rock, whose lustrous production values mark the film.

lf there was a type of film that the Irish Film Board should certainly think carefully about sponsoring in future, it is the coming-of-age drama. Several new Irish films took refuge in this creaky, sentimental genre, using the end of the summer holidays as a clumsy narrative full stop to a pointless story.

If Irish film is finally growing up, let's hope it does not turn out anything like Last of the High Kings, a film that creaks with smugness, while remaining undeniably immature. It was co-written by Gabriel Byrne, who also turns up to provide the performance that bookends the movie as the often absent head of the tiresomely colourful Griffin family. One longs for his return,



Visiting hours: Helen Mirren and Aiden Gillen star in Terry George's hunger-strike drama. Some Mother's Son

even if only because his ap-pearance will obviously signal the end of this mercilessly selfsatisfied film.

Geraldine Creed's first feature also finds its bare bones of a plot stretched over a long summer vacation, this time spent in the grim resorts of north Dublin. The Son, the Moon and the Stars has suffered an arduous passage to the screen, but this cluttered tale of grumpy, Doc-Martens-wearing Shelley's seaside holiday still gives the unmis-takable impression of being a little rushed. Slackly scripted by Creed and loosely acted by a cast that bizarrely includes

Jason Donovan and Angie Dickinson, the film is as laborious as it is ragged.

Sue Clayton's The Disap-pearance of Finbar has all the marks of a film planted in the loamy soil of co-production.
Based on a novel by Carl Lombard, the story starts in the rougher parts of Tallaght, in south Dublin, and winds up, a few hundred miles north, in the white wastes of Lapland.

Coming of age is once more the quest, but the film also powerfully contrasts one kind of bleakness in Tallaght with quite another at the edges of the Arctic circle. Both are captured in Eduardo Serra's

laconic photography, and Luke Griffin is gently effective as the stoically confused adolescent in search of his lost

friend and his own future. Every film festival now needs its guttersnipe auteur and Galway certainly had one in the shape of Enda Hughes, director of Exterminator. This unapologetically lo-fi splatter film is a hugely enjoyable homage to the exploitation movie, recycling everything from Rebel Without a Cause to Evil Dead in a robustly trashy vision of Irish history.

Gillies MacKinnon's Trojan Eddie occasionally indulges in some gruesome

violence that would not be out of place in Exterminator, but there the similarities between the two end. Rather than mumbled B-movie clichés. McKinnon's film has a muscular and measured script from Billy Roche, and stars the exquisitely withdrawn Stephen Rae as a market hawker mixed up with the semi-criminal business of one family of "travellers". Richard Harris co-stars as the ageing. febrile brute at the head of a criminal family. His performance may be a close relative of his Bull McCabe in The Field but is still a poignant, if

menacing, creation.

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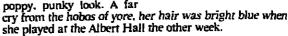
Rising stars in the arts firmament

ELIZA CARTHY

Age: 20

Profession: Folk singer and fiddler. The elfin star of the bratpack of British

Winning combination: Carthy's first solin album. Heat. Light & Sound, has thrilled the critics with its technical assurance and fresh gutsy style. Carthy enthusiastically retrieves traditional tunes, jaunty hornpipes or gruesome murder ballads from the archives of Cecil Sharp House. Yet she also has a poppy, punky look. A far



Roots: Liza - the E is silent - is the offspring of two icons of the 1900s first folk revival. Her father is the guitarist and vocalist Martin Carthy, who influenced Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and many more. Her mother, Norma, was one of the seminal family of singers, the Watersons. Indeed the tradition reaches way back. One great-great-grandmother was a tinker who knew a ballad or two.

At home: Liza was born and bred in Whitby, where the kitchen regularly featured rehearsing musicians. She also tottered about on folk festival stages before she could play a note. She still lives in Whitby, sharing a house with fellow fiddle player Nancy Kerr, when they are not on the road.

For the record: Liza will be playing at the mighty Cambridge Folk Festival all day on Friday. She is also recording two more albums: one with her dance band, the Kings of Calicutt, the other with her parents, both for release this winter.

What drives her? "I just really enjoy gigging," she says. "With folk songs you are imparting stories. Then, with the dance band, everyone starts jumping around." She first realised this was the life at 13, when her mother and Aunt Lal decided it would be fun to sing with their daughters and landed them a date at the Vancouver Folk Festival. "It was ace and I got paid," Carthy says, "and I thought, this is a great job." Carthy is also passionate about English folk music, admiring her Celtic counterparts but feistily proud of her own country's forgotten airs.

How do you sing and play the violin at the same time? "It's like patting your head and rubbing your stomach," she says, "I just open my mouth and hope."

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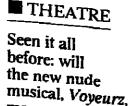
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Billed as a follow-up to the 1970 nudes 'n' sexes show Oh! Calcutta!, also produced by Michael White, it is "the story of a young girl's discovery of her own sexuality set against the backdrop of a steamy "anything goes' New York nightclub". Including Fem 2 Fem. the lipstick lesbian band (ie, men also fancy them), the women in the cast outnumber the men by 13 to two, and one of the men wears a dress. So what little innocent Jane (Sally Anne Marsh), the farm-girl from Virginia (geddit?), looks likely to discover, sexualitywise, is not just, heaven knows, anything goes, but that one thing seems to go on more than others. We shall find out next week

whether what is on display greatly differs from the sort of Saturday evenings we enjoy when we strap on our rubber and bondage and head up West. But what is interesting is the mention of Oh! Calcutta! as a show everyone is assumed to remember as a landmark for what can be shown on the public stage.

Some of us do remember it, of course, and are finding the rubber gear a tadge of a strain to squeeze into these days, for it is 26 years this month since Oh! Quel cul tu as! - pardon my French — opened in London. Bliss was it in those days to be in the theatre.



Bodies of evidence: Ken Tynan's Oh! Calcutta! broke the taboos but would look "pathetically unimaginative" today

Stirring times. Indeed, nudes and sodomy. But what would had not long been permitted to show themselves stirring in the theatre. In the words of The Times leader writer: "It is only a couple of years since the prim hand of the Lord Chamberlain was lifted from the public stage."

Audiences who attended Hair had seemingly not been depraved or corrupted either by the nudity in a dim light or by mention of masturbation

be the consequences when references, hitherto merely verbal, were physically simulated by actors, nude or otherwise? Ken Tynan, who devised Oh! Calcutta!, had let it be known that this was the kind of activity audiences would be able to see. But simulation would surely mean stimulation. This was clearly an issue on which opinions had to be voiced, stands taken.

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This paper's leader devoted 28 column inches to the matter, deciding that "the leap from what passed [the Lord Chamberlain's office to the nude simulation of sexual excitement, even if accompanied by highbrow banter, is a leap too far for the generality of opinion". A GLC councillor asked the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster to condemn the show as "the shame of London". Wisely,

content and however prurient

their diaries were kept too full

for a visit to be arranged. So what was it really like. this "offence to all Christians"? Tynan had commissioned a score of well-known writers -Joe Orton, Sam Shepard, Jules Feiffer, John Lennon among them - to write a sketch about something sexual. Irving Wardle, then the drama critic of this newspaper, commented: "I have seen better revues than Oh! Calcutta! but none based on ideas that strike me as more sympathetic. Namely, that the ordinary human body is an object well worth attention."

That said, he found it "in

many ways a ghastly show: illwritten, juvenile, attention-seeking," but went on to say, "not boring; and some of the material is very funny". I was writing for Punch in those days and commented, with quaint care: "The display of bare bodies is interesting to watch." It was too, though so many have been visible since, doing so much more, that a

6 So what was it really like, this 'offence to all Christians??

film of the show would look pathetically unimaginative. I also found its sketches a mix of good, passable and dire, particularly liking the one that showed the orthodox girly fantasies of a group of masturbating males repeatedly giving way before a colleague's insistent vision of the galloping Lone Ranger. Will Voyeurz be witty? Oh, I hope so, but whatever its

the hype, a show like this in 1996 will not be generating 28 column inches of social analysis. Nor is it likely to revive the ed to ancient art. tangled arguments, not to say cant, favouring freedom of expression at all costs. In 1970 the publisher John Calder said that Oh! Calcutta! must be encouraged because it brought nearer the day when there would be no need for such shows. I do not know what he meant by need, any more than I can say if we need Voyeurz today. I hope I like what Fem 2 Fem play and that Jane finds fulfilment in New York, I dare say the display of bare bodies will be . . . interesting.

Veterans' day at the Proms

TWO of the world's oldest and most distinguished composers will meet at the Royal College of Music in London on Monday. Sir Michael Tippett, now 91, will present the gold medal of the Royal Philharmonic Society to the American Elliott Carter, his junior by four years. The medal, which has been awarded to many of the greatest com-posers and performers of the past century, will be presented during the first BBC lunchtime prom, which includes the London premiere of Carter's String Quartet No 5. Concert and presentation are to be broadcast live on Radio 3, starting at lpm.

● EIGHT hundred staff at the J. Paul Getty Trust in California began moving this month into what will be the largest and most expensive private museum in the world: the new £500 million, 110-acre Getty Centre, built in the Santa Monica Mountains above Los Angeles. The centre, which will be opened to the public in autumn next year, will bring all the Getty Trust's institutes, collections and grant programmes together on one site. Some 1.5 million visitors are expected each year. Meanwhile, the Getty villa at Malibu will close for renovation, reopening in 2000 as a museum dedicat-

THE Cardiff Bay Opera House is dead; long live the Cardiff Bay Opera House. That seems to be the message from the Arts Council of Wales, which has announced a lottery award of £178,125 to the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation to fund a feasibility study for "a Millennium Centre for the Arts in Cardiff Bay, including a 2,000-seat the-atre...and a home base for - BASE NOTES

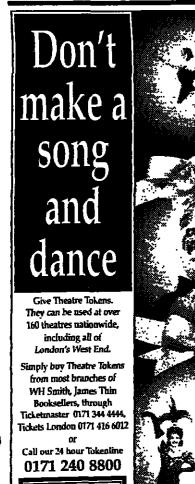
Welsh National Opera. The original plan for a Cardiff Bay Opera House was rejected by another lottery-disbursing quango, the Millennium Commission, last year.

● HOLLYWOOD funny man Gene Wilder is venstage for the first time. He will star in Neil Simon's Laughter on the 23rd Floor at the Queen's Theatre, opening on October 3. Wilder plays a writer for television during the medium's heyday in the 1950s.

 LEEDS will host not one piano competition in September, but two. The more famous is the Leeds International Piano Competition, which attracts brilliant young players from around the globe. But the jollier occasion is likely to be the 1996 Tetley Great Universal Leeds Pub Piano Competition, designed to find the world's best pub pianist, and carry-ing the irresistible first prize of "£200 plus six months' supply of beer". Details and entry forms from Sharon Williams, Leeds Leisure Services, Town Hall, Leeds LSI 3AD (0113-247 8332).

●THE Festival Hall in London is going "live" on the Internet for the first time next Friday. A concert by the techno-pop composer Ryuichi Sakamoto - best known for his work on the film Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence - will be broadcast on the Internet, thanks to sponsorship by Mitsubishi. The National Film Theatre is also mounting a day-long retrospective of Sakamoto's film work. and staging an interview with him at 6pm.

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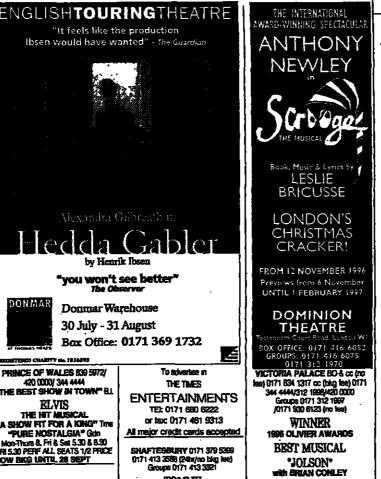
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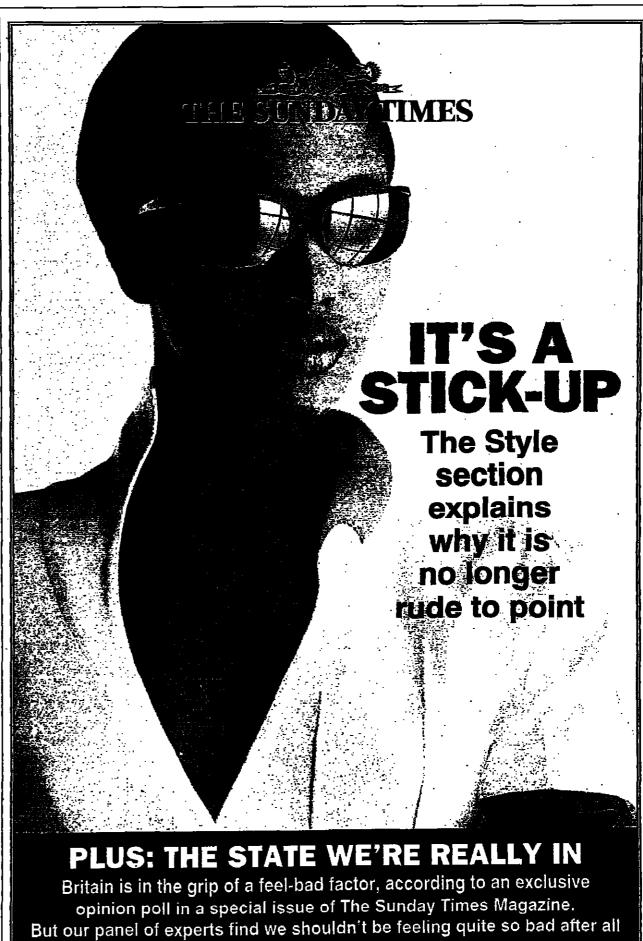
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As violence spreads and Ulster's ambiguous status arouses Unionist fears, Norman Lamont calls on the Government to think again

Rand Sinn Fein. Until recentecent events have been a ly they were losing the propaganda battle. The conventional Whitehall wisdom was that whatever the setbacks to the peace process, the IRA were marginalised and appeared intransigent. Not any longer. After last week they portrayed themselves as protectors of the weak. Gerry Adams walked the streets calling for restraint and

Too many people in Britain have fallen for this misleading picture. The reaction of many people to the Orange marches has been a mixture of outrage and puzzlement. The view has even been expressed in the letters columns of The Times that the Orangemen's antics have been more offensive to the rest of the UK than the IRA killings of the

I find it desperately sad that there should be so little understanding and sympathy for those whose greatest fear is that they may not be allowed to continue to be a part of

this country.
Undoubtedly the Orange marches attracted a skinhead element and there was violence against Catholics. But Cardinal

Why the peace process is dead

the so-called "residents' associations" that reacted with fury to the marches were led by IRA supporters. He might also have acknowledged the remarkable restraint of the majority after what they have put up with for 20 years. To equate the bomb and the bullet with marches shows a curious set of

The tragedy of last week is that it was predictable and indeed, was predicted. One of those who foresaw these events was the veteran Irish politician, Conor Cruise O'Brien. Two-and-a-half years ago he described the IRA ceasefire as a tactic in the continuing armed struggle. He forecast that the IRA would use the opportunity to destabilise Ulster. He predicted that Sinn Fein would seek to create a confrontation between the Protestant majority and the civil authorities, Ironically he has been ill. just as his prophecies have looked increasingly accurate.

It is time to recognise that the

peace process is dead. That is no reflection on the Government or the Prime Minister. But as Winston Churchill once said, "If we do not face reality, reality will face us". In this case refusing to face reality could be very dangerous.

The peace process did not die

with the Orange marches. It did not die because of lack of effort from the British Government. It died with the bombs at Canary Wharf and Manchester. It is pointless to keep saying after

every bomb goes off that the peace process goes on regardless. The idea that one can establish peace without the IRA is obviously ridiculous. And for good reasons the Government has rightly decided not to allow Sinn Fein to participate The British public, tired by years

of bombing, regards anything called a "peace process" as a good thing. Did not the process, after all, stop the bombing for 18 months? That is like saying that 1937 and 1938 brought a period of peace

In judging the peace process, the real question is: will Northern Ireland in the long run be nearer to peace? The results so far are not encouraging. The IRA have been able to use the ceasefire and reduced surveillance to regroup for a new offensive. They have been able to raise large amounts of money. The problem has been internationalised - and finally, Sinn Fein has won a large vote in

two years ago in the House of Commons, I asked what negotiations with Sinn Fein were going to be about. Surely, I suggested, the one thing the IRA were interested in namely the reunification of Ireland, was the one thing that could not be given. The IRA are not in the business of setting up cross-border tourist authorities, nor are they interested in the internal government of Northern Ireland. Theirs is a bigger agenda: the ending of British rule. A few weeks ago, Dick Spring described the peace process as "the search for a middle way between Unionism and Nationalism". Sir Patrick Mayhew, in the House of Commons, denied this definition of the peace process. But those were the words of the Irish Foreign Affairs Minister

There cannot be a middle way between Unionism and Nationalism. To pursue a middle way that does not exist is likely to arouse unreal expectations on the part of Nationalists and simultaneously to provoke a backlash from the majority, who fear they are being sold down the river. That is what has happened and will continue to happen if policy does not change.

The Protestant majority have good reason to be fearful. They can read newspapers and opinion polls as well as anyone else. They know that sections of British public opinion are all too ready to contemplate withdrawal from Northern Ireland. They have seen British governments in the past attempt to dump Ulster. Even Winston Churchill flirted with handing over the six counties. Recently the special status of Ulster has appeared more ambiguous. The Union Jack has ceased to fly over army establishments. The national anthem is no longer to be sung at graduation day at Queen's University, Belfast. With this deliberate erosion of national symbols, is it any wonder that Orangemen have become more militant, more determined to emphasise their identity and

The Government must be careful not to appear even-handed between democratic politicians and politicians associated with violence. Significant concessions have been made to the IRA, such as the release of prisoners before they have completed their sentences - a remarkable contrast with the policies urged elsewhere by Michael

tradition?

What Ulster needs is certainty about its constitutional future. To introduce the slightest hint of ambiguity into the status of Northern Ireland — particularly the so-called "Irish." dimension — is to reinforce the cycle of violence and counter-violence.

Britain has a clear obligation to the Nationalist minority in Northern Ireland. Any Government which presides over a religious or ethnic minority has a duty to see that the freedoms of that minority are safeguarded and that their lives and property are protected. It is quite justifiable for the minority to be given an entrenched position in any arrangement for the internal government of Northern Ireland. But what is not justified is to give foreign governments a special say in Northern Ireland. That merely feeds the fear of the majority.

It is time for the Government to think again. John Major has tried tremendously hard, as hard as any human being could have done. But his efforts have met with a miserable response. Now is the time for a completely new approach. It should involve governing Ulster more like the rest of the UK. It ought also to mean a new offensive against the terrorists. The Government must sound as though it wants to defeat terrorism. And that is a task in which there is a key role for the Irish Government.

important, that has all but

are again celebrating a gather-

ing revived by a Frenchman a

century ago, that many might have predicted would by now

be dead on its feet. Olympic

contests in poetry and drama,

for instance, have indeed died.

There may be a hundred other

world championships, and the

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synthetic (until recently almost

every Olympic star was trained in America or in Russia). But the sporting

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Atlanta, as it did to Barcelona

and will do in 2000 to Sydney.

The yearning to congregate under the umbrella of history

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The Spanish Civil War: a memoir

Hugh Thomas recalls writing his classic

history of the conflict that began 60 years ago

first went to Spain by train from Paris in the winter of 1955, and I travelled to Madrid, Málaga, Seville and Granada. Every incident in that journey is etched in my memory. In Seville, walking one day out of the old Hotel Inglaterra into the plaza de San Francisco, I determined at all costs, however difficult it might seem, that when returned to London. I would write a history of the Spanish

Why should such a desire frame itself? I cannot now quite explain the full answer. I don't think I had met John Elliott at Cambridge, I had not even heard of Raymond Carr and, although I had been lent Gerald Brenan's The Spanish Labyrinth, I did not read it until I returned to London.

Obviously I was looking for a subject. Gibbon described how he toyed with the idea of writing about the Medici and the Swiss republic before deciding to write The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. I think that if people are honest with themselves, that is how most books begin. Before going to Spain, I was obsessed with the French Huguenot wars, and I might easily have written about them.

It is difficult now to recapture just what an intellectual wasteland the Spanish Civil War was in the late 1950s. In Spain itself, the Franco regime was using the memory of the war as the key to its propaganda. It was a most successful policy, for most Spaniards would say, well, whatever you may say about Franco, we are determined never to have another civil war. Few doubts about the nature of the nationalist victory were published. The monarchy seemed the best hope for the future, but the charming and anglophile Don Juan had been outmaneouvred by Franco and was badly advised, and Don Juan Carlos

was still being educated. Outside Spain, surviving exiles were bringing their intelligence to bear on the civil war, especially in Mexico and France, but politically they presented a divided face. For the rest, the experience of the world war had effaced most memories of the Spanish war. even if some thought of it as a rehearsal — a metaphor which always seems a little unsatisfactory, since Spain was not present at the main performance. A few survivors of the International Brigades might sing Los Cuatro Generales. but they were already moving into the twilight of the past.

the people I consulted who stand out in my memory: Pablo de Azcarate, ex-republican ambassador to London and retired UN official, whom I used to visit in Geneva and who gave me access to his papers over a sombre glass of scotch; Salvador de Madariaga. author of what seemed then the best modern history of Spain, whose benign, enthusiastic, small, energetic figure I still see in my mind whenever I go to the Reform Club, his London base. It was there, too, that I first met Julian Gorkin. one of the leaders of the POUM, and there he told me how La Pasionaria had been built up to be a great orator by

Comintern . . . Once I was working in the Avenue Foch, the Paris seat of the exiled republican government, when big doors swung open and I saw Emilio Herrera. minister of war in exile. Herrera had been a correct colonel in 1936 who had stood by the republic, not for ideological reasons but because he had given his oath of loyalty to it. "What's been happening, my general?" I asked. "Ah, the Government has fallen.""And the new Prime Minister? Herrera with a sigh replied:

Svengali from the

"It is I, senor."
Others whom I came to know in Spain included Ramon Serrano Suñer, Franco's brother-in-law. He had then been long out of office, but had been an important influence on the Generalissimo in the war. As a good liberal in those days, I hesitated a while on my first visit outside his holiday house in the Basque resort of Zarauz, before pressing the bell. Was Serrano not a friend of Germany, who had openly

regretted the fact that Hitler had lost the war? Had we not been told in 1941 that el cuñadisimo ("the supreme brother-in-law") would soon be landing in Devonshire at the head of an army of foreign legionaries, to assist the Nazis and thus avenge the misdeeds of the infamous Drake? But historians should not have such sensitivity, and in the event Serrano could not have More than the books I read or the battle sites I visited, it is been more welcoming. I

stayed to lunch. Though I did not neglect the International Brigades, I could not see the most famous of the British brigaders, the promising poet John Cornford, for he had left his bones near Cordoba, But I did meet his mother, the poet Frances Cornford, who insisted (to the surprise of some of his comrades) that her son had been shot deliberately by his communist friends because he was about to abandon that affiliation.

Then my book The Spanish Civil War was published in 1961, it obviously satisfied a definite need, since it was a success. I have lived with "de la Guerra Civil", almost as if it had been a surname, ever since; though I am glad to claim that, with my studies of Cortés and Moctezuma, I have now a second such appellation, namely, "y de la Conquista de México".

After the death of Franco in 1975, the censorship was lifted and there was a great wave of books about the civil war, some having been previously banned like my book, others written specially for the occasion. Am I deceiving myself, or did this avalanche of histories play a positive part in the transition to democracy, and in creating that mood of tolerance which is such an appealing part of modern Spain, and such a contrast with the past?

This is an edited version of a paper given by Lord Thomas of Swynnerton at a seminar in the Escorial vesterday to mark the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the civil war.

Wake me for the mile

am going to sleep for two weeks, but wake me for the mile. The mile is the only race that matters. A mile was my first walk to school. A mile a day keeps the doctor away. A mile a minute was the Great Western's target timetable. From Bannister and Chataway to Coe and Ovett, this distance has retained its magic. It demands a precise balance of physical strength and tactical intelli-

gence. The four-minute mile was the athletic sound barrier. When Emsley Carr became the first athletics sponsor, he chose to sponsor the mile. Even debased as the 1500 metres, it is one Olympic event whose outcome does not seem to depend on ethnicity, muscle tone, steroids, equipment, luck, suspect judges or ludicrous scoring. It is a joy to watch

That event apart, the next

fortnight looks grim. Once again the airwaves are to be saturated with material that meets television's dream requirement, to keep the maximum number of sets switched on, even if the viewer is in a state of zombied tedium waiting for the next bit of excitement to happen. After an absurd European Cup, a disappointing Wimbledon and a wash-out Test series, we must endure the Atlanta Olympics. And since two thirds of the world will allegedly be doing so too, such endurance must be a significant human

experience.

The novelist Philip Pullman complained in public this week that nobody writes sto-ries any more. We have all lost the art of narrative, of incident, plot and suspense. Instead we have the gratification of a desire for instant news, however vacuous. In other words, we have sport. Sport is the perfect newsbite, an incident of no consequence but of real-time immediacy. Nowadays we are expected to appreclate it even without the synthetic chauvinism home team" involvement. It is simply a question followed by an answer: who played and who won? There is no time for

Some sporting occasions do have the quality of a saga. A soccer international unfolds from partisan anticipation to the crafted suspense of the penalty shoot-out. A tennis match has the thrill of two contestants in personal combat, the nearest modern sport

'so what?"

The Olympics are a television feast for the hard of thinking. But brevity is the soul of reporting

gets to an old-fashioned prizefight. A cricket Test match can develop narrative majesty, with fortunes swinging back and forth, heroes raised up or dashed and the outcome in suspense until the end. But the Olympics? The

storyline has not altered since Pheidippides arrived from Marathon in 490BC and became the patron saint of journalism. "Greetings." he told the eager Athenians, "We won". He then dropped dead on the spot. His epic run has been hallowed and celebrated ever since. Nothing has been allowed to vary the distance of the marathon. Since their re-

as conservative (and corrupt) as they were in Alcibiades's day. Contestants may use high-tech training. But they still throw Greek javelins, hurl Greek discuses, put Greek shots and wrestle catch-ascatch-can, as if Spartans covered in oil were waiting to pounce outside the gates of Atlanta.

What the modern Olympics

do not do is honour Pheidippides's other contribution to Olympic legend, his brevity of reportage. His masterly words, "Chairete, nikomen", have been transformed into a bloated splurge of verbiage. Televising the 1948 games cost the BBC El,500. Atlanta will cost it E30 million. Small wonder the schedules have been cleared and the lexicon looted for hyperbole. A huge media gathering will turn a local event into a global one, the 16,000 journalists and technicians outnumbering the 10,000 contestants. If any reporters drop dead on the spot, it will be from expenses fatigue.

Sagas will be manufactured Frantic efforts will be made to find a drugs story, a sex story. a national shame story. An-



Gymnast Svetlana Boginskaya in training for Atlanta

nouncers will struggle to instil suspense into weightlitting or pole-vaulting by trying to build human drama around each incident, by turning each race into a grudge match. But the Olympic Games have no narrative suspense.

There is nothing complicated about who will first breast the tape or beat the clock. There is no more tension in a 100-metre dash than in a weightlifting catch-and-press. Most events are a slow-motion. 1-speak-your-speed machine. We all sit waiting, like the Athenians, to know only who won.

I find this sparse entertainment and will be intrigued to see whether the viewing, lis-

tening and circulation figures justify the investment the media are making. Multiple appearances by professional athletes each year mean that the Olympics are. like Wimbledon or the Golf Open, just one of many contests by which sporting supremacy is judged. I remember that at Barcelona the talk was all of the forthcoming World Athletics Championships, where serious money was to be earned and for which the Olympics seemed but a preview. Linford Christie's status as the fastest man on earth does not depend on his performance at one four-yearly gathering, as did that of, say, Harold Abrahams. As for the Olympic guff

about the amateur spirit and

playing, not winning, being

tive animal, but of all his competitions, none is fiercer than the race against the clock. "If you can fill the unforgiving minute, with sixty seconds' worth of distance run," was Kipling's exhortation to his son. The clock is always ticking. Some may loathe the athletocracy of the young. Others may ridicule the doped, tortured, unsexed bodies of the modern thorough-

bred competitor. But we cannot take our eyes off a race well run. As biologists and the Guinness Book of Records attest, what distinguishes Homo sapiens from other animals is a relentless striving to improve physical performance. This improvement is more than just a metaphor. I believe it to be part and parcel of species confidence. It is the selfish gene at play. Through competition we do not just grow faster and stronger. We sustain the hope that we can also grow cleverer, richer kinder and more secure.

That at least is enough to wake me for the mile.

Stick it

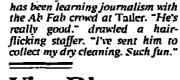
THE DUKE of Edinburgh, who has been at the helm of Cowes Week for more than 30 years, has upset the yachting sponsors Skandia Life. He is refusing to carry a sticker bearing the compa-

ny's logo on his boat. Last year the Duke agreed grumpily to display the 2ft by 18in sticker proclaiming "Skandia Life Cowes Week" on the bow of his yacht, Yeoman Twenty Eight, But he threatened to think twice about attending the regatta if he was forced to compromise again. This year, despite pleas from Skandia Life, which provides more than £750,000 in sponsorship, he will be the one yachtsman sans sticker.
"It's not as if we are asking him

to emblazon it across his forehead." complains a Skandia spokeswoman. "It's tasteful and not intended to get up the nose of the Royal Family. He has to realise that if there wasn't any sponsorship, the costs would be prohibitively high."

Yesterday. Buckingham Palace dismissed the whingeing: "The Royal Family does not indulge in commercial sponsorship.

• Young Jack Churchill, greatgrandson of the Prime Minister



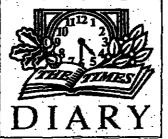
and son of Winston Churchill MP.

Viva Diana

THE SPANISH press has whipped up excitement among property



"You're required to submit to a random drugs test'



sharks in Majorca with a report that the Princess of Wales has been scouring the area for a hideaway, far from the camouflaged French journalists who invaded her holiday compound on Thursday.

The broadsheet newspaper ABC reports that she scoured the Majorcan coast for suitable villas recently with her great friend Lady Gossamer (sic) Somerset, What Lady Cosima makes of the claims remains to be seen - she was unavailable for comment yesterday. The paper claims that the Princess has set her heart on a vernacular country house set in 50 acres. Its one drawback: next-door neighbours include the overheated film star Michael Douglas.

 Latest sporting sensation from Japan is female sumo wrestling. The male sport has taken this new direction because the big boys who

indulge in it are desperate to be recognised as Olympic sportsmen. To be included in the Olympics. sports must be open to both sexes. The British Sumo Association is on the case, desperate for its first women volunteers, "Sumo's based on chest power." explains Sid Hoare of the association. Women would need a protective plate to shield their breasts."

Phewitt

EYES SWIVELLED in the Grosvenor House hotel, London, when James Hewitt, former Guards officer and sometime paramour of the Princess of Wales, strolled through the foyer on Thursday night in a rare foray into public life. He attended a reception to help to raise money for the Riding for the Disabled Association.

Relaxing with fundraising ladies from the shires and an iced glass of champagne Palmer, Hewitt chose to ignore talk of the royal divorce and concentrate on the subject in hand: horses.

"It'll be damn hot for them in Atlanta," he conceded. "about as hot as it was when I played polo in Brunei - and that was bloody hot. I can tell you." He then turned to domestic affairs: "I'm still developing my riding school in Devon. Run into a spot of bother with the local



Hewitt planning difficulties planners but I'm sure we'll sort it out. It's a very exciting project."

Euro bride

PADDY ASHDOWN's enthusiasm for Brussels is to be scaled with a European union. His daughter Kate, 3l. is to marry a Frenchman. Sebastian Thearel. 20. on August 31 in a small village near the Ashdown holiday home in Burgundy.

Paddy and his wife Jane are planning a three-week pre-nuplial break at their retreat, but the Lib Dem leuder is reluctant to elabo-

rate on the wedding. "Mr Ashdown does not discuss private affairs such as his daughter's marriage," says a po-faced minion. "It has nothing to do with anyone else."

Love all

SUMMER has brought an irresistible bloom to the sun-worn skin of Martina Navratilova, tennis super-star. After months of speculation, she has spoken of her deep friend-ship with Hunter Reno, the niece of America's tough Attorney-General. Janet Reno.

Janet Keno.

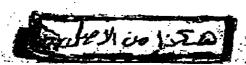
Miss Navratilova, 39, admits she loves Miss Reno "in a way I haven't loved before" while Miss Reno, 27. refers to the tennis player as "a very special person". At Wimbledon, the two were spotted going gooey over each other. Only now, however, a year after meeting, have they admitted the true nature of their friendship.

As her name implies. Hunter is something of an Amazon: six feet tall with cropped blond hair and a modelling contract with L'Oreal. Aunt Janet, who is oft 2in, smokes pipes while a great-aunt wrestled alligators. Friends of Miss Hunter and the nine-times Wimbledon champion speak only of delirious happiness.

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Hunter Reno: new pairing





BUSH WARFARE

Birt yet to convince his supporters, let alone his critics

The essence of John Birt's case for his reorganisation at the BBC is that public service broadcasting is too great a good to be relegated to a niche market. This the Director-General sees as its unavoidable fate unless it can compete effectively in the new digital, satellite and multimedia marketplaces.

Mr Birt has been wholly deliberate in seeking to revolutionise the culture of the BBC. The changes to management and programming in his first term were radical rather than evolutionary, largely driven by theory and contested by his opponents every step of the way. At the start of his second term. Mr Birt can point with pride to the BBC's success in renegotiating its Charter and, in contrast to public broadcasters in practically every other European country, holding its share of the audience.

Mr Birt's experience has given him ample reason to beware consultation. Advance warning has often reinforced resistance to change. His new plans, announced last month virtually without warning, will selarate commissioning and production throughout the BBC and amalgamate newsproducing and programme departments thus concentrating its impressive productive capacity under one organisational roof. He admits that he anticipated opposition to his new plans and that this is why he gave even his most senior managers almost no notice of his decisions. He must be tempted, even now, to dismiss the ensuing uproar: what could be clearer evidence that Britain's broadcasters are world-class grousers, adept at deploying words such as quality, integrity or distinctiveness to justify the retention of inefficient producer cartels.

In one tiny and hitherto semi-detached islet in the BBC empire, however, such words cannot be dismissed so readily as the obfuscation of traditionalists. By the nature of its world audience, the news and programming requirements of the BBC World Service differ in important ways from those of the domestic service. It is separately funded, by the Foreign Office, and although it has long used, and paid for, domestic BBC facilities, it is separately staffed and controlled. It is a hybrid - for the historically good reasons that the service would lose credibility if it were directly controlled by government and the licence payers would be overcharged if they had to support a pillar of

British foreign policy. Last month, barely bothering to inform the Foreign Secretary, let alone World Service management, Mr Birt abruptly announced plans to merge the production of its English-language news, current affairs and general programmes within the new

structures for the domestic BBC. The manner of this announcement was guaranteed to generate a row not merely within BBC ranks but outside them. A convincing public case became immediately necessary if the substance of his plans, not just their presentation, was not to be seen as flawed.

The World Service is indeed an anomaly; and it produces its fair share of programmes that could be improved. But it is not, on the face of it, extravagant. Despite a shrinking budget it is increasing its audience - from 133 million to 140 million in the past 12 months. Nor is it afraid to innovate; it showed less fear of "producer choice" principles than many parts of the domestic service. The product, as Mr Birt acknowledges, has a reputation for impartial, dependable coverage that is famous

throughout the globe. All organisations need change, but the World Service's deservedly high reputation places Mr Birt under a clear responsibility to convince doubters that his plans will preserve its editorial independence and identity. Even if, as he has promised, the World Service will retain control of commissioning, there is genuine ground for concern whether production teams whose primary task is to cater for the domestic BBC will be able to meet its editorial needs. Domestic programmers treat much foreign news like fire-fighters; the World Service method is steady. 24-hour, global coverage, often of events and processes that have no interest for British audiences.

Mr Birt has promised a separate World Service news-production unit. That is unlikely to compensate for the weakening of the links between Bush House's Englishlanguage service and its 42 foreign-language programmes. The close relationship between regional specialists and news and current affairs producers has always influenced its news judgments. There need to

be compelling grounds for a divorce.

Mr Birt replies that Foreign Office cuts will leave a £10 million gap in two years between World Service revenues and costs, and that it "needs a more flexible, looselimbed structure in the digital age" to add to its creativity while lowering costs. Maybe it does. But the digital age means little to most World Service listeners who are equipped with nothing more than the most primitive transistor radios. The World Service is small. Whatever defects it suffers from, Mr Birt should think as hard about how its virtues can be enhanced as its vices removed. He has yet to convince his supporters, let alone his critics, that his proposals will do more good than harm.

SWIFTER, HIGHER, DEARER

When clay pigeons were live and both hands held the javelin

The 24th modern Olympic Games opened last night on the centenary of their reinvention by Baron Pierre de Coubertin. Atlanta is five time zones behind London, which will test the endurance of British armchair sportsmen now abed. But it seems a world away from the first modern Olympiad.

In Athens in 1896 there were about 200 participants, all men, but nobody was counting. In 1996 there will be more than 10,000 young men and women. And those are just the journalists. Few of the competitors lead amateur lives away from the track, the pool and the rings. Then rowing was cancelled because of bad weather and cricket through lack of entries. In the Olympics' infancy there was live pigeon shooting, one-arm weight-lifting, the standing long-jump (after the Ancient Greeks) and swimming "for

Today the new sports introduced by the host city are beach volley ball and racing on mountain bikes. But the main difference between then and now is the zillion dollars spent and raised on staging the games that rs slogans on stadiums and athletes. The rights to broadcast this year's Olympics have so far raised \$900 million. And it is estimated that 3½ billion people (two-thirds of mankind) will watch some part of the Games. They are no longer just about swifter, higher, stronger. They also grow ever bigger, richer and more political.

That need not spoil the essence of the Games. Beach volley ball is a good Olympic sport because it develops the whole physique. It is just a shame that awkwardness in the changing-room has stopped one country from sending its best male team: is this the new sport of transvestites? It is sad too that those freestyle swimming sailors from a century ago cannot meet today's beach volley ballers in an aquatic ballet that would be fit for choreography by Busby Berkeley.

It was the great BB's inspiration that made synchronised swimming an Olympic sport at Los Angeles. But almost a century ago they also competed at underwater swimming to see who could hold his breath longest. And in 1912 each competitor threw the javelin first with the right arm and then with the left, in order to produce a versatile human being. Olympian Zeus, in honour of whom the Games were founded, was just as ambidextrous with his thunderbolts. Observers of the heavy Atlantan climate predict that athletes will be hearing from Zeus themselves before the week is out.

PARADOX IN COURT

Have I Got A U-Turn For You

In an abrupt change of mind yesterday, a High Court judge lifted an order which for several weeks had prohibited the media from reporting a contempt of court case involving the television programme Have I Cot News For You. The order was lifted at the request of The Times and while we are pleased at the lifting of the order, we are still left wondering why such a sweeping restriction could ever have been imposed.

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Journalists can sometimes portray contempt of court cases as battles between benighted judges and noble scribes. Archaic figures in the mould of Mr Justice Cocklecarrot are caricatured as unreasonably restricting the historic freedoms of the press and prone to expressing themselves in impenetrable language comprehensible only to men in horsehair wigs. This case has

not been so simple. Six months before the trial of Kevin and lan Maxwell in 1994, a piece of dialogue on Have I Got News For You described the brothers as "heartless scheming bastards" to an audience of just over six million people. in a perfect world, the 1981 Contempt of Court Act might include a "frivolity" defence along the lines that no one could possibly take such a remark seriously: flippant remarks in a comedy programme, unlikely

ever to be believed, could not threaten the fairness of a trial. The Act, however, allows no such latitude. Thus the broadcast plainly breached the law. Both the BBC and the production company were fined.

Our complaint was directed at an accompanying order which barred reporting of any part of the contempt case on the grounds that another trial involving Kevin Maxwell and others opens later this year. The point of contempt of court legislation is to protect a trial from contamination. That seldom requires more than the surgical excision of words or pictures which could influence a jury. In this case, insulating the trial from unfair comment certainly did not require suppression of any mention of the action against the BBC. The solution was out of all proportion to the problem.

Yesterday Mr Justice Auld did not just reduce the scope of the reporting ban. He did away with it altogether. We had merely requested that, apart from the offending words themselves, we be allowed to report the case in the interests of open justice. Since the judge now appears to take the view that repeating Have I Got News For You's banter cannot do any damage, the question remains. What exactly was the fuss about in the first place?

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ever, the interpretation of the visual

evidence of Sickert's drawing, Persua-

sion, which you attribute to her today,

Neither of the man's hands, as I see

it, can be around the prostitute's neck.

The left must logically be behind her

right shoulder, the right below her left

breast, probably in the region of her armpit. Her own left hand supports

her head, and her whole pose is relax-

ed. Far from attacking her, the man is

virtually inert. If anyone in this draw-

ing is saying "No", it is him not her.

Sickert may indeed have been ob-

sessed with the Camden Town mur-

der and Jack the Ripper; but here he

(and his title) surely show how the

girl's professional persuasion of the

man might have led to his loss of con-

This is not to defend the real or

imagined man, rather to defend the

artist from an unjustifiable accusation

does not convince.

trol and her death.

HUON MALLALIEU,

100 Mortimer Road, NI.

From Chief Inspector J. I. Miller

Sir, Once again the name of Sickert

seems to be being linked, albeit at one

remove and without the slightest

shred of evidence, to the Whitechapel

If a credible suspect is to be named,

then that dubious honour should fall

on one William Henry Bury — a man

who had motive, opportunity, a prov-

en record of violence towards women and, unlike any of the other suspects,

can be shown to have fled from the

East End at the conclusion of the Rip-

per murders, only to commit his final killing in Dundee within days of his

of sleaziness

Yours &c.

July 15.

Efficient energy at a fair cost

From Sir Frank Gibb, Chairmán, The Energy Trust

Sir, With the world's environment ministers gathered at the United Nations Conference on the Climate Change Convention in Geneva to debate stricter targets for cutting carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, it was heart-ening that the UK's Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer, spoke so positively (report, July 18, later editions; letters, June 14, 17, July 1) and particularly encouraging that the US Government has at last announced it is to take action.

But whilst the UK Government is making significant progress towards achieving the CO2 reduction targets agreed at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, it should not be forgotten that our energy regulators also have an en-

vironmental responsibility.
When the Energy Saving Trust was established post-Rio, to bring about carbon dioxide savings from energy consumption of domestic customers and small businesses, it was on the basis that consumers would finance energy-saving schemes via a small levy on their gas and electricity bills.

For electricity consumers the notion has worked well. Since April 1994 the equivalent of El per annum levy on customers has financed 228 energysaving schemes. As well as reducing CO2 emissions by more than 4 million tonnes over the lifetime of the investments, electricity customers who benefit from these schemes do so on average by £5 for every £1 of the levy in-

vested.
Such success is in stark contrast to the limited progress this Trust has been able to make on behalf of gas consumers, where, because of the inflexible stance taken by the Director General for Ofgas, investment in en-ergy efficiency has been restricted to just £4 million since 1993.

The considerable shortfall in funding that results from Ofgas's stance has partly been addressed by the Government's provision of £25 million to be spent on energy-efficiency schemes by the Trust in 1995-96, and £15 million and £10 million in the following two years. This is small change compared to the funds the Government expected to be raised for energy saving when it joined forces with major energy companies to establish the Trust.

As most commentators agree, the opening of the domestic energy markets will not initially lead to a greater emphasis on energy efficiency. Inevitably, the emphasis will be on low prices, with little concern for energy efficiency and the economic and environ-mental benefits that it provides. In view of the proposed CO2 reductions by 2010, there can be little doubt that further support and funding for the Trust's objectives are needed now.

Further falls in the real price of energy, though welcome on a number of counts, will not help us meet our environmental commitments. The time is therefore right for the Government and the energy regulators to reconsider the depth and extent of their responsibilities and for them to realise that these go far beyond achieving the lowest possible unit price.

FRANK GIBB, Chairman, The Energy Saving Trust, 11-12 Buckingham Gate, SWI.

From Professor Ian Fells, FEng, FRSE

Sir, It is difficult to reconcile the Secretary of State for the Environment's laudable exhortation to the nations meeting in Geneva to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as we proceed into the next century, with the Presi-dent of the Board of Trade's exposure of the newly privatised nuclear indus-try of the UK to the vagaries of the market place (reports, July 16). Nuclear power plays a vital role in

keeping UK carbon dioxide emissions down, but the management of British Energy has indicated that it has no plans at the present time to build any more nuclear power stations.

Not only that but the Government Energy Paper 65 (HMSO, 1995) points out that with present policy, by 2020 only one nuclear station, Sizewell B. will still be in production; 60 per cent of UK electricity will be provided by gas and consequently greenhouse gas (carbon dioxide) emissions will have increased by 16 per cent.

There is no better illustration that some sort of UK energy strategy is required if we are to balance UK electricity supply with our international en-vironmental obligations. The lack of an equivalent transport policy will only exacerbate the situation.

Yours faithfully. IAN FELLS, University of Newcastle. Department of Chemical and Process Engineering, Merz Court, Newcastle upon Tyne, NEI 7RU.

Risks of ID cards

From Mr P. G. B. Wills

Sir, I gather from Ms Liz Parratt's letter (July 18) that Liberty (formerly the National Council for Civil Liberties) wishes to deny me the freedom to carry an ID card if I want to. Whatever next?

Yours faithfully, P. G. B. WILLS, Far Horizons, Haytor, Newton Abbot, Devon.

'Obsessions' of a Victorian artist

From Mr Bernard Dunstan, RA

Sir, Anyone who knows Sickert's work well will be very sceptical about the latest revelation by Dr Anna Greutzner Robins (report and picture, July 15) of his "obsession" with sexual violence.

Certainly he painted scenes in which prostitutes figured: so did Degas and Lautrec. As for "images of exposed genitalia" in the drawings, I would have thought that these were-less noticeable in Sickert's ocuvre than in that of, for example, Picasso or Courbet or even Turner. All these great artists had a wide range of subject-matter - as did Sickert - and in no way can this aspect of their work be labelled an "obsession".

The Camden Town Murder, with its associated drawings, is. I suppose, the picture particularly referred to; but Sickert was famously in the habit of playing about with his titles (sometimes to irritate Roger Fry, as he said himself). Alternative titles for this picture were What Shall We Do for the Rent? and La Belle Gátée - The Lovely Spoiled [or Tainted?] Woman. Neither seems to have much to do with violence.

The example you reproduce, the beautiful drawing titled here Persuasion, is about as unconvincing an example of an "obsession with violence, perversion and mutilation" as could be imagined.

The figures are obviously embracing: the woman would hardly be submitting to strangulation with her head comfortably supported, nor would the man get far in strangling her using only one hand.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD DUNSTAN, 10 High Park Road. Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

From Mr Huon Mallalieu

Sir, Dr Greutzner Robins is a highly respected researcher upon whose work I, like many other British art historians, have often depended. How-

Legal aid changes

Sir, Professor Michael Zander's sensi-

ble article on the proposed changes to

legal aid ("More peace for the wick-

ed", Law. July 9) assumes that losing

litigants who will be obliged to pay

their opponent's full legal costs are

homeowners. I wonder how Lord

Mackay proposes that this debt

should be recovered from litigants

without assets if they lose and cannot

pay the costs — by sending them to

drive even more people to use the European Court of Human Rights.

which works on the principle that the

courts need to be accessible to every-

The proposed changes will simply

From Mr Gordon Glass

From Mr W. H. Hatcher

Sickert is in the clear!

Yours etc

J. I. MILLER.

Tayside Police,

Police Headquarters,

Dundee, Tayside.

Sir, Professor Michael Zander states in his article that the overall success rate of legally-aided civil actions is 92 per cent.

Most practising lawyers will not be surprised at a very high percentage success rate, bearing in mind that legal aid gives an enormous tactical advantage to the legally-aided party. As a result of this the other party, if not legally aided, will usually be ve strongly advised to give in at an early

It would be interesting to know the overall success rate of legally-aided civil actions if the only actions taken for the purposes of the sample were those where the case had been fully heard and decided by the court on

Yours faithfully W. H. HATCHER, Hatcher Rogerson (solicitors), 25 Castle Street. Shrewsbury, Shropshire. July 10.

Pub names

prison instead?

Yours faithfully.

2020 Vision Ltd,

G. GLASS

(Director),

July 9.

From Mr Laurence Evans

PO Box 1967, Bath BA2 9YD.

one, regardless of wealth.

Sir, I trust that Nicholas Winterton, MP, and the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) will have better luck than I in the campaign to ensure the safety of historic names of pubs (report, July 17; letter, July 18). Several years ago I submitted a pro-

posal to the Department of the Envir-onment that planning authorities should be given the power to refuse permission for alterations to significant signs. Regrettably, no action was

The source of my anxiety at the time was an old toll house pub near where I live whose name, "The Gate", was changed to the totally meaningless "The Garden Gate".

With this cruel assassination of a piece of history also disappeared the legend on the reverse side of the sign: This gate hangs well And hinders none Refresh and pay

Mr Winterton could well bear in

mind, on this occasion, the value of retrospective legislation. Yours truly,

LAURENCE EVANS, Quill Lodge, Wyatts Road, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Denis Cox

Sir, The suggestion in your report that the Hare and Billet is a contrived pub name is deeply offensive to all of us who regularly drink at the Hare and Billet in Blackheath. The name has belonged to this pub since at least the 1740s, when it is mentioned in the Newgate Calendar as a rendezvous for local highwaymen.

I have every sympathy for Mr Winterton's and CAMRA's campaign, but we cannot allow the name of our much loved local to be associated with a Slug and Lettuce.

Yours faithfully. DENIS COX, 13 Eliot Vale, SE3. July 17.

Postal puzzle

From Mrs C. M. McLean

Sir, Mr Philip Mayes (letter, July 15) asks how many of the new £1 books of stamps (containing three 26p, one 20p and two lp stamps) must be purchased to post an exact number of firstclass letters.

Unfortunately, no such number exists. However many books are bought, the use of ip stamps to convert 20p to 26p postage also introduces more and more "useless" 20p stamps. The only practical solution is to relegate two in every 12 letters to the second-class post.

Yours sincerely, CATHERINE M. McLEAN, Greenways, Burfield Road, Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, If Philip Mayes is content to send part of his mail by second-class post. he merely has to purchase ten of the new stamp books, which will enable

him to send 30 letters first class and a further 11 second class. Since I have faith in neither, I am sending this letter by fax.

Yours faithfully. ADRIAN BRODKIN. 93 Kingsley Way, N2.

From Mr Christopher McDouall

Sir, The answer to how many new £1 books of stamps one must buy to use all the stamps in them on first-class letters is two.

Just send one first-class letter weighing between 600g and 700g.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER McDOUALL 119 Thornton Road, Cambridge. July 15.

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Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 0171-782 5046.

Price of losing the princess as patron From Mr Pat Spooner

Sir. As the co-founder, in 1987, of the Covent Garden Festival, I was gratified by the Princess of Wales's prompt acceptance of my invitation for her to be our patron. Her presence at gala performances greatly stimulated ticket sales and her patronage did more than anything else to put the festival

firmly on the map.

The Royal Family's willingness to lend their practical and highly productive, not merely their moral, support to good causes of all kinds has never ceased to astonish me. Having for many years directed and advised on major appeals for cathedrals, hospitals and a variety of others patronised by royalty I can vouch for its im-

measurable value. The Princess's decision to relinquish her patronage (reports, July 17) is perfectly understandable under the circumstances, but it is, nonetheless, hardly surprising that so many of the charities now deprived of it should declare their disappointment and dis-

Yours sincerely, A. P. SPOONER, 22 Broadwater Rise, Guildford, Surrey.

From Mr Philip Jones

Sir. With the sadness and regrets over the royal divorce, there is added shock and surprise at the "decision" by the Princess of Wales to relinquish her service commitments as Colonel in

With one infantry battalion, a cavalry regiment and a squadron of jump jets, she hardly poses a threat to the monarchy; but her presence has been incalculable for morale, and the fact that she will no longer be Her Royal Highness should not preclude her and her regiments from continuing to enjoy links which are essentially of a family nature.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, PHILIP JONES (Lieutenant, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, 1952-53), Clermont Hall, Little Cressingham, Thetford, Norfolk.

From Mr M. C. J. Kidby

Sir, Who will pay for the new letter headings of the charities that Princess Diana no longer patronises?

Yours faithfully, M. C. J. KIDBY, 24 Mitchell's Road, Haylands, Ryde, Isle of Wight. July 17.

'Tax on reading'

From Mr P. H. Acheson-Gray

Sir, I cannot agree with the editors of Tribune and the Literary Review (letter, July 8) that a charge by one retail organisation on a small part of its turnover amounts to "a tax on reading", any more than it would on the selling prices of their own publications,

Moreover, the response they pro-pose, that of urging the public to buy books and magazines elsewhere, seems to me, as someone unconnected with WH Smith, to be likely to exacerbate the very market situation which no doubt prompted the charge in the first place.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK ACHESON-GRAY, Severn House, Eriswell Crescent, Burwood Park, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Griddle riddle

From Mr Raymond Harris

Sir, I find it hard to believe that Mrs Shelagh Hargraves's great aunt (letter, July 18: see also letter, July 15) would ever have eaten scones other than with butter; but may we please know how she pronounced "margarine".

Yours truly. RAYMOND HARRIS, Savage Club, I Whitehall Place, SWI.

From Mrs Angela M. Willbourn Sir, Surely the definitive wrong pronunciation of "scone" is given in Sir John Betjeman's satirical How to get on in Society, first published in a Time and Tide magazine competition in the

early 1950s.
The last four lines are: Milk and then just as it comes dear? I'm afraid the preserve's full of stones: Beg pardon, I'm soiling the doilies With afternoon reacakes and scones.

Yours faithfully, ANGELA M. WILLBOURN, Aston Cottage. Aston. Nr Stevenage, Hertfordshire. July 18.

Ball point

From Mr James M. Burns

Sir. Your article on the popular Italian golfer Costantino Rocca (Sport, July 17), tells us: "He also signed autographs by the dozen — it is, incidentally, a signature that is bold, sweeping and exuberant, written con brio." Surely, "con Biro"?

Yours faithfully. J. M. BURNS. 26 Whitehall Park Road, W4. July 18.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINCHAW PAIDS.

July 19: The Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh this morning arrived at
Bristol Temple Meads Station and
were received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenaut of the City of Bristol (Mr

Lieutenant of the City of Bristol (Mr James Tidmarsh).
Her Majesty drove to Aardman Animations Limited and was received by Mr Peter Lord (Director) and the Lord Mayor of Bristol (Councillor Mrs Joan McLaren).
The Queen saw excerpts from the Oscar winning films of Nick Park and other work of the company.
Her Majesty afterwards toured the building, viewing films in produce. building viewing films in produc-tion, and unveiled the Cinema 100

tion, and unveiled the Cinema 100 Centenary plaque.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, later visited the new Ministry of Defence Procurement Executive Building at Abbey Wood and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes), the Rt Hon Michael Portillo MP (Secretary of State for Defence) and Sir Robert Walmsley (Chief of Defence Procurement).

Procurement.

Her Majesty and His Royal High-ness toured the building, visiting the nursery unit, viewing displays on purchasing work for the Armed Services and meeting members of

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards honoured Sir Robert Walmsley with her presence

Robert Wannisey with ner presence at Lincheon.

Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, this afternoon officially opened the Abbey Wood building and witnessed a flypast.

The Duke of Edunburgh this morning opened the Paculty of Engineering Merchant Venturers Building.

Review I busersity.

The Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this ricatinow Ampuri, Distort, and afternoon upon the Departure of The President of the Republic of Joeland and bade Eurewell to Her Excellency on behalf of The Queen.

The Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord

in Waiting was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of the Governor-General of Tuvalu and Lady Manuella and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 19: The Prince Edward, Chairin of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter national Association, this evening left Manston International Airport, Kent, for Malta.

On arrival in Malta His Royal Highness was received by the British High Commissioner (His Excellency Graham Archer Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer

> **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** July 19: The Princess Royal, Member of the International Olympic Committee, and President, British Olympic arrended

> pic Association, this evening atte the Opening Ceremony of the XXVI Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America.

> CLARENCE HOUSE July 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, this afternoon arrived at Walmer Castle.

> The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 19: The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham from the United States of America. Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant Commander John Lavery RN and Miss Sandra Henney were in

KENSINGTON PALACE July 19: The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon took the

Salute at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE July 19: The Duke of Kent, President. Action Japan, this afternoon received Mr Toyoshima, Director General,

Japanese External Trade Relations Office, at Kingsgate House, Victoria Street, London SWI. His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended an Away Day, St Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, London, SW1.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of York will attend the Open Golf Championship at the Royal Lytham and St Annes Club at 11.30.

TOMORROW: The Duke of York will open the World Wheelchair Games at the Guttmann Sports Centre, Stoke Mandeville, at 2.30.

Latest wills

Mr Edward Eastaway Thomas, of Chichester. West Sussex, naval intelligence expert and historian, one of the team which broke Axis Enigma cyphers and supplied the Allied Intelligence system code-named Ultra which helped to win the Second World War, left estate valued at £421,007 net.

He left 11,000 each to the Edward Thomas Fellowship, Musicians' Benevolent Fund, Civil Servants' Benevolent Fund, Bensiow Music Trust and Salvation Army.

Mr Peter Bernard Samuelson of Shenington, Oxfordshire, the painter and diarist, left estate valued at £343,569 net.

Baron Jay of Rattersea, of Minster Lovell, Oxfordshire, President, Board of Trade 1964-67, Labour MP for Rattersea North 1946-R3 left estate valued at £196,159 net. He left £500 each to Bartersea United Charities and Battersea Labout Party. Sir Dick Goldsmith White, of Arundel, West Sussex, formerly of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, left estate valued at FIOO.040 pross, net same.

Sir Ralph Melton Bateman, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, industrialist and President, Confederation of British Industry, 1974-76, left estate valued at £148,995 net.

Dinners

Royal College of

Dr Patricia Wilkie delivered the 40th Crookshank lecture to the Royal College of Radiologists yes-terday at the Royal College of Physicians. Professor Albert Baart, Professor Lynne Reid, Sir James Savile and Sir Richard Southwood were admitted as Honorary Fellows. Afterwards, Dr Wilkie was the guest of honour at a dinner held at 38 Portland Place. The President of the Royal College of Radiologists and Mrs Brindle were the hosts.

Institute of Legal Executives The institute of Legal Executives held an inauguration reception and dinner last night at the Marriott Flotel, Leeds, for the newly-elected president, Mr Anthony Webster, Mr G Phinn, Principal Inspector of Schools, was the guest speaker. Among those

present were:
Mr Justice and Lady Holland, District
Judge Buchanan, District Judge
Ellison, Mr T Lamb, the President of
the Leeds Law Society and the
President of the Bradford Law Society.

University news Manchester Appointments to Chairs:

Norman Jeffrey Wood, at present Senjor Lecturer in Aerospace Engineering in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Bath University, to be Beyer Protessor of Aerospace Engineering in the Manchester School of Engineering from a date to be arranged. Andrew Yee-Tak Leung, at present Reader in Civil and Structural Engineering, Hong Kong University, to be Professor of Engineering in the Manchester School of Engineering from a date to be arranged.

Jan Robert Wright, at present Senior Lecturer in Engineering at the university, to be Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Manchester School of Engineering from July 1, 1996. John Gedhin, at present Reader in Social Anthropology in University College London, to be Professor of Sucial Anthropology in the Department of Social Anthropology from a date to be arranged.

Anne Charton, at present Cancer Research Campaign Reader in Cancer Health Education at the university, the be Professor of Cancer Health Education in the School of Epi-demiology and Health Sciences from July 1, 1996. Geoffrey Thornton, at present Reader in Chemistry at the university, to be Professor of Surface Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry from July I.

Nicholas John Higham, at present Reader in Mathematics at the university, to be Professor of Applied Mathematics in the Department of Mathematics from July 1, 1996.

Honorary professorial

Professor S Gordon Redding to be Visiting Professor of Comparative Management in the Manchester Business School, for three years from May 1, 1996. Emeritus Professor T.N. Tozer to be Visiting Professor in the Department of Pharmacy for three years from May

1, 1990
Mr A.J. Mills to be Hanorary Visiting
Professor in the Programme of Policy
Research in Engineering, Science,
and Technology for three years from
May 1, 1996.

Dr Neil Grant Anderson to be Lecturer in Surgical Sciences in the Department of Surgery from May 1. Dr Niloy Bose to be Lecturer in Economics from August 1, 1996. Mr Peter David Cooke to be Lecturer in French Studies from August 1, 1996. Mr Martin Paul Vernon Crowley to be Lecturer In French Studies from March 15, 1996. lieu of Clinical Lecturer) in Geriatric Medicine from May 1, 1996. Mr Richard Seeley to be Personnel Officer (Data Management) in the Office of the Director of Personnel, Registrar, and Secretary's Department, from May 1, 1996.



Mr Isaac Stern, the violinist: 76 tomorrow



Dame Diana Rigg, the actress, is 58 today

Frank Ashley, Dean of the

Dental School, United Medi-

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: The Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, 76; Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, Sun Alliance Group, 63; Lady Margaret Colville, 78; Professor Sir John Dacie, haematologist, 84; M Jacques Delors, former President. Commission of the European Community, 71; Sir Antony Driver, former chairman, South West Thames Regional Health Authority, 76, Mr E.O.M. Eilledge, chairman, BTR, 61; General Sir Jack Harman, 76; Mrs Sylvia Heal, former MP, 54: Sir Edmund Hillary, KG, first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest, 71; Mr Edward Leigh, MP, 46; Lord McGowan, 58; Mr Charlie Magri, boxer, 40; Miss Elizabeth Manners, former Headmistress, Felixstowe College, 79; Lord Palumbo, 61; Sir Jeffrey Petersen, former diplomat, 76; Mr Walter Plowright, veterinarian, 73; Mr Michael Quinn, chef, 50; Mr A.J.D. Rees, former Rector, Edinburgh Academy, 53; Vis-count Simon, 56; Viscount Slim, 69; Miss Elizabeth Tucker, Headmistress, Headington School, Oxford, 60; Dame Veronica Wedgwood, OM, historian, 86; Mr John Whyte, former managing director, British Telecom, 73.

TOMORROW: Professor Heather Angel, wildlife photographer, 55; Professor

cal and Dental Schools Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, 54; Dom Aidan Belienger, former Head Master, nside School, 46; Sir Nigel Broackes, former honorary president, Trafalgar House, 62; Sir Andrew Buchanan, Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 59: Mr John Burrow, Chief Constable Essex, 61; Dame Joyce Daws, thoracic surgeon, 71; Sir Stephen Egerton, former diplomat, 64; Miss Buchi Emecheta, writer, 52; Canon Donald Gray. Speaker's Chaplain, 66: Mr Norman Jewison, film director, 70; Mr Ian Judge, theatre director, 50; Sir Kirby Laing, former chairman, Laing Properties, 80; Mr Gerald Malone, MP, 46; Dr Jonathan Miller, film, theatre and opera director. 62; Mr R.S. Napier, chief executive, Redland, 49; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, KG, 81; Mr Bill Pertwee, actor, 70: Mr Julian Pettifer, broadcaster, 61: Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle. 68; Mr Karel Reisz, film director, 70; Mr Michael St John Parker, Headmaster, Abingdon School, 55; Mr D.J. Trevelyan, former Principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 67: Mr Robin Williams. actor and comedian, 44; Sir Ian Wood, chairman, John Wood Group, 54; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 67.

Church of Scotland

The Rev James Bain to St Paul's,

The Rev Mitchell Collins to Creich, Flisk & Kilmany with Monimall. The Rev Glenda Keating to Kirkliston, Edinburgh.
The Rev Thomas J R MacKinnon to The Rev Elizabeth Smith to St

The Rev Fiona C Ross, assistant to Beith High with Trinity.

The Rev Robert F Bardin to Portland, The Rev Roderick G Hamilton, assistant at Greenbank to Abbotsford, Clydebank.
The Rev Ian D Maxwell to Kirk
O'Field, Edinburgh.
The Rev Leonard P McClenaghan to

Trinity, Peterhead. Hope Park, St Andrews. The Rev Coin C R MacPherson from St Margaret's, Dunfermline.
The Rev Robert C White from

Weekend anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Petrarch, poet, Arezzo, Italy, 1304; Hans Willem Bentinck, Ist Earl of Portland, statesman, Holland, 1649; Sir Richard Owen, biologist, Newtown, Powys, 1804; Sir James Phillips Kay-Shuttleworth, philanthropist and educator, Rochdale, 1804; John Sterling, writer, Kames Castle, Island of Bute, 1806; Margaret McMillan, educationist, West-chester, New York, 1860; Erick Kartfeldt, poet, Nobel laureate 1931, Folkärne, Sweden, 1864; John Charles Reith, 1st Baron Reith, 1st Director-General of the BBC 1927-38, Stonehaven, Grampian, 1889; Natalie Wood, actress, 1938.

DEATHS: Hugh O'Neill, 2nd Earl of Tyrone, Rome, 1616; Catherine Anne Southey, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1854; Sir Richard Wallace, collector of works of art, Paris, 1890; Andrew Lang, scholar, collector of fairy stories, Banchory, Grampian, 1912; Pancho Villa campian, 1912; rancio vina. revolutionary, assassinated, Par-ral, Mexico, 1923; Guglielmo Mar-coni, physicist, Nobel laureate 1909, Rome, 1937; Sir Dan Godfrey, conductor, Bournemouth, 1939; Paul Valery, poet, Paris, 1945; King Abdullah of Jordan, reigned 1928-51, assassinated, Jerusalem 1951; Iain Macieod, politician cartoonist, 1988.

The Spanish Armada set sail for England from Corunna, 1588. Euston station was opened, 1837. by Count Claus von Stauffenberg who was executed, 1944. The Turkish invasion of Cyprus

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Jean Picard, astronomer, La Fleche, France, 1620; Matthew Prior, poet, Wimborne, Dorset, 1664, Elizabeth Hamilton, writer, Belfast, 1758; Paul von Reuter, founder of the news agency, Kassel, Germany. 1816; Hart Crane, poet, Garrettsville, Ohio, 1899; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954, Oak Park, Illinois, 1899.

DEATHS: Robert Burns, poet Dumfries, 1796; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Hythe, 1928; Sir Herbert Barker, manipulative surgeon, Lancaster, 1950; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, 1962; Albert Lutruli, President of the African National Congress 1952-60, Nobel Peace laureate 1960, Stanger, South Africa, 1967; Basil Rathbone, actor, New York, 1967. Confederate victory in the first battle of Bull Run in the American Civil War, 1861.

The Tate Gallery opened, 1897. Trans-Siberian railway completed after 13 years' work, 1904. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon (Apollo XI mission), 1969.

Reception

Staffordshire Lieutenaucy The Deputy Lieutenants of Staffordshire last night entertained the Lord-Lieutenant and Mrs Hawley at a summer cocktail ford, by courtesy of Mr and Mrs D.E.D. Johnson. Lieutenant-Colonel DJ.K. German, Vice-Lord-Lieutenant, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.J. Aleppo and Miss A.B. Dobbie and MISS A.IS. LIGOURE
The engagement is announced between Gerry. son of Mrs Margaret Aleppo, of Beckenham, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sout Dobbie, of Moor Book Light Engagement of Mrs.

Park, Hertfordshire. Mr M.F.J. Athericy

and Miss L. Froes
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Wing Commander and Mrs D.M.K. Atheriey, of Horsham, West and Miss L Froes Sussex, and Luciana, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Helio Froes, of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Mr T.G. Bennett and Miss K.I.M. Thompson The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr Trevor Bennett and Mrs Susannal Bennett, of Glengormley, Co Antrim, and Katharine Inge Mary, elder daughter of Major and Mrs James Thompson, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

Mr S.L. Buckley

and Miss C.I.A. Rogers The engagement is announced between Shaun, son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Buckley, of Ingbirchworth, Shellield. Ingbirchworth. Yorkshire, and Caroline, daughte of Mr and Mrs S.E. Rogers, of Ufton Nervet, Reading, Berkshire.

Mr C.K. Crossley Cooke and Miss A-K.R. Pringle

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs David Crossley Cooke, of Little Coxwell, Oxfordshire, and Anna-Kaarina, daughter of Mr David Pringle, of London, and Mrs Kaarina Pringle, of Niinivesi, Finland.

Mr T.R.K. Fielding

and Miss L.C. Burne The engagement is announced between Tim, son of Mr Richard Fielding and the late Mrs Fielding. of Longburton, Dorset, and Lucy, daughter of Mr Simon Burne, of Chariton, Wiltshire, and Mrs Eugenie Burne, of Bratton, Wiltshire.

Mr.J.M. Ford

and Miss K.A. Farquharson The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.C. Ford, of Little Ellingham, Nortolk, and Keri, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Farquharson, of Hingham,

Mr T. Gemmeli and Miss L. Kave

The engagement is announced between Toby, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Gemmell of Brentwood, Essex, and Louise, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Alam Kaye, of Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Mr T. Leith and Miss J.F. Alexander

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs William Leith, of Pewsey. Wiltshire, and Jane Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Utrick Alexander, of Harrogate, North

Mr O.J.F. Lewis and Miss D.L. Aspinali

The engagement is announced Peter Lewis, of Oxford and Mrs Peter Lewis, of Paris, and Debra. Asninall of Standish Lancashire

Mr G.H.M. Morley-Fletcher and Miss I. Lemoine

The engagement is announced between Gifford, son of Mr Hugo Morley-Fletcher, of Padbury, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Jeremy Hebblethwaite, of Evenley, Northamptonshire, and Isahele, elder daughter of M Patrick Lemoine, of St Cyprien, France, and the late Mme Fabienne Lemoine.

Mr A.J. Thompson and Miss J. Herbert-Burns
The engagement is announced between Alexander James, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Thompson, of Lorgues, France, and Justine, daughter of Mr Hugh Herbert-Burns, of New York, USA, and Mrs Naiad Ellis, of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Mr W.G. Tucker and Miss K.V. Armitage The engagement is announced between Warren, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Tucker, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Katie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Armitage, of Doncaster, Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr C.M. Singer and Miss L.A. Peterson The marriage took place on July 13, at Rancho Valencia. California, of Mr Charles Singer, son of Mr Alfred Singer and the Gwendoline Singer to Miss Lisa Peterson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jon R. Peterson.

Mr C. Watts

and Miss S. Sheridan The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at All Saints Church, Bradbourne, of Mr Christopher Watts, son of Mr and Mrs Brian. Watts, of North Walsham, Norfolk, to Miss Siobhan Sheridan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Sheridan, of North Finchley. The Rev Mike Smith officiated.

The bride was attended by Alexander and Joshua Watts. Siobhan and Kathryn Sheridan and Elizabeth Allott. Mr Michael Fowler was best man.

State Opening of Parliament

The Queen will open Parliament at 11.30am on Wednesday, October 23, 1996.

Peers who will be present at the ceremony may apply for places in the Chamber for their peeresses or husbands. and for eldest sons or daugh-

ters above 14 years of age. A limited number of seats in the Royal Gallery will be available for guests of members of both Houses of Parliament. Members of the House of Commons should apply ar these seats to the Speaker's Secretary, House of Com-

mons, London, SWIA OAA. Applications from peers, using the forms issued to to the Secretary to the Lord Great Chamberlain, House of Lords, London SWIA OPW, by Friday, September 27, 1996.

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ARERDREN CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch
(Nerbecks, The Provist 6.30 EP.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 S Euch.
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(Langials), Christus hertus est (Brucknet; 3.30

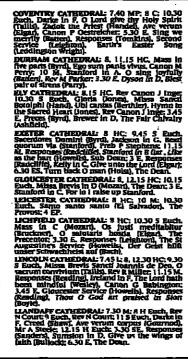
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(Howels), The Twelve (Walton),

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP. 9.15 HC: 11

Choral Euch, Bild; In G. O case and see
(Vaughan Williams, Ave verum (Elgan), The
Provist; 4 Choral E. Responses Sanders). Dyson
In D., What are these that glow from that Groyl.

BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8, 5 H Eoch; 945 MP; 11

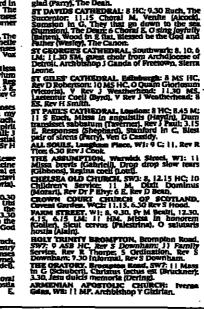
HC. Metrical Gista (Camberwell, Sancius &
Benedictus (Metrbeckel). Beriedictus (Metrockie).
BRIECON CATNEDRAL: 11 H Fuch, Missa Brevis
de Sancti Joannis de Deu (Haydn), Caron A E
Pierce: 3.30 E. The New College Service (Howelst,
Praise the Lond O my soul (Goss).
CANTERBURZ CATHEDRAL: 5 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S
Euch, Missa Sine Nomine (Tallist, Ave Verum
(Hendriel, Rev Professor Harman Smith: 3.15 E,
Responses (Doveton), Moore in A. Turtow away
iby rod (Fergisson); 6.30 Compline, Rev Dr M J
Chandler. CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 1030 Euch, Canon D Jackson: 3 E. CARLISLE CATREDRAL: 10.30 Euch, Curon D Inciton; 3 E.
CHELMSFORD CATREDRAL: 7.30 MP. 8 HC;
9.30 Euch, The Fortio of the Spirit, Revi J Jones;
11.15 Euch, Revd I Moody; 2, 4 Baptism; 6 E.
Responses (Said), Canon B Thompson.
CRESTER CATREDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Mess in G [Potleine,] Bishop C Bernetts:
11.30 Choral M. Responses (Ayleward, Before thy throne (Boyle), Canon Corresp. 3.30
Above all grasses Hear my proper [Mendelswahn], Above all grasses Hear my proper [Mendelswahn], Mendelswahn in B Gal. Bishop C Bernetts, Amen (Naylor); 6.30 ES, The Dean.
CRECHESTER CATREDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Byrd), Landelswahn, Carlotte, 10 M., Stanford in G. O Lord Increase our Jain (Loosemort), Ven C M Pfinder; 11 S Euch, Schubert in C. Lei all mortal (leich (Bahrshw), Rt Eve M Machelow; 3.30 E. Responses (Byrd), Hawes in D. O be [oyth] in the Lord (Walton), CHRIST CHURCH CATREDRAL, Oxfords & HC, Canon Ward: 10 M; 11.55 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrian), Lordon C. Schephertill, Archidecton of Oxfords E. Stanfored in C, And when the builders (Shepherd).











ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham SI, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev P Schmlege: 7 Bach Vespers, Rev Paul D Schmlege. SI. EGZ. 11 Choral HC, Rev P Schmlege. 7 88ch Vespers, Rev Paul D Schmlege.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield. ECI: 9 HC, 11 Choral Euch, Mass Euige bone Oyel, Rev Professor 3 booty, 6.30 E & Procession, Profile service (Tomkins, Maria Magdalene (Guerrerd, Rev Professor John Booty.

ST BRIDES. Heat Street, ECI: 11 Choral M & Bode Aubiliate Stanford in 8 flast, Langlade Canon J Catter. 6.30 Choral E. Responsion Gibbons), Magnificat Nune. Dimittis (Gibbons), Magnificat Nune. Dimittis (Walmissey in D), Hall gladdening light (Wood), Canon J Osies. CARON I GRES.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral M. To Dourn & Benedicus (Byrd), And 1 saw a new heaven (Bullson), V Read & Sullivan.

ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Pont Siree, SWI: 11, 6.30 Rev W A Calirus.

THE STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE MICE. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Missa Sine Nomine (Activardus De Ortona), Domine Non Sum Dignus (Victoria). ST GEORGES, Handrey Sgrave, W1: 8,30 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), The Rector. ST JAMESS, Gardfeddythe, EC4: 10,30 S Euch (1662), John Paul Rector. ST JAMES'S, Garilddaythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch (1662), John Paul Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sasses Gardess, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (ives), Laudare Dominium (Mozart), Mir N Biddle: 6 Choral E, Walmhiley in D mimor, save us O Lord (Baltstow).

ST JOHN'S, Standorf E15: 11 Family C, Allabrev (Bach), Bev M Ohene: 6.30 EP. Rev J Meadway.

ST LUKE'S. Cheisea. SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch. So God loved the world (Gibbons). Rev D Watson; 6.30 Choral E, Tornorrow shall be my dunding day (Gardner), Rev G Beauchamp.

ST MARKAR. Regents Fark 2d, MW1: 8 HC: 0.45 Family C: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Euch Missa Brevis (Berkeley). SN MARKARET'S, Westambater, SW MW1: 8 Luch Guiller, SW MARKARET'S, Westambater, SW Shaw. 15 Euch Clutter(ded). To Deum (Britten in esthol Settling). Nisi Dominus (Montererd), Rev C Richardson.

ST MARKTN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC,

TICKETS FOR SALE

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ABSOLUTELY

Last Night Proms

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, ECZ: 11, Rev W J Rev W Rotchford; 9.45 Euch, The Vican; 11.30 Visitors, Rev C Herbert; 2.45 Chinese, Rev J Bennett; 5 Choraj &; 6.30 ES. The Vicar. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SWi: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr N Richardson. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington, WS: 8, 12-30 HC: 9-30 Euch, The Vicar, 11, 15 Choral M, The Vicar, 6-30 E, Mr N Pain.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC: 10.30 Eoch, Missi vidi speciosam (Victoria), O clap your hands together (Greene), Rev Lyndon van der Pump: 6 Talzé Service. ST PAINTS. Wilson Place. SWI: 8, 9HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in F (Durkej, My soul there is a country (Parry). Beall quorum via (Stanford), Rev C Countauld. ST PETER'S, Exton Square, SWI: ILIS HC: 10 Family Buch: 11 S Euch, Mass for Your wices (Byrd). Os just meditabiliar sapientiam (Bruckner), Fr W P Keyes. CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA. HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Leighton), Te Deam (Ireland in F), Benedicius (Cham), Dum Transisset (Taverner), Canon J C M W Murphy. CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8,30 HC: 11 M. Stanford in C. Dyson in F. Rejoice in the Lord (Furcell), 30 E. Precamini (Wood), Coll Reg (Howells). Lo the full final sacrifice (Finzi). QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: | | M, Te Deurn (Harris in A flati, Seek ve him that made the seven stars (Elgan), Rt Rev D Control: | 2_30 THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: #30 HC; 11.15 MF. Responses [Reading], Te Deum Laudamus/Jubifiate Deo [Dyson in D], Revd Canon D Burgess,
GHARDS CHAPEL, Wellingian Barracis, SWI:
II M. Aimigury God hast me brought (Ford), Why rage Rercely the heathen [Mendelssohn]. The Chaplain; 12 HC.

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ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwigh, SELO 11 S Euch, How amiable are gird dwellings (Vaughan Williams). Revo C Freno

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You are, I know, eager for gifts of the Spirit: then another so would be the spirit them such that which build up the church. 1 Corinthians 14: 12 (RES)	BIRTHS PHIPPS - On 16th July at
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Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, CBE, landscape architect. died on July 16 aged 95. He was born on October 8, 1900.

A VISIONARY who regarded landscape design as "the mother of all arts", Geoffrey Jellicue was as important to the modern age as Capability Brown was to the 18th century. Throughout a prolific career spanning six decades he felt his way instinctively towards an understanding of the full potential of landscape. demonstrating its ability to withstand the often destructive forces of

modernism. His work reflected the spirit of civilisations gone by with a formal grace which, if it now seems familiar in garden design, owes much to Jellicoe's analytic study and scholarship. He understood natural beauty, but saw that designers could add an extra dimension to it, moulding it to

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reflect the surrounding civilisation.

His book. The Landscape of Man
(1975), was much influenced by the work of Carl Jung, and his greatest designs incorporate a Jungian awareness to the subconscious symbolic aspects of landscape. Though round and briskly cheerful, with an each mess of speech that brought words tumbling from his mouth in almost inarticulate enthusiasm, he had nonetheless a scholarly and probing mind. He delighted in investigating the relations between things and in seeking the philosophical essence of any problem.

Jellicoe was appointed CBE in 1961, and knighted in 1979.

Geoffrey Alan Jellicoe was born in London where his father was a publisher. His mother had studied painting at the Slade School and it may have been from her that he inherited his eye for design. However, he did not set out to be a landscape designer, and would unabashedly confess a dislike for gardening. After attending Cheltenham College he enrolled at the Architectural Association (AA) and trained to be an architect. He was to return to this school as its principal from 1939 to 1943, when it was evacuated to Hadley Common. Hertfordshire, during the war years.

It was at the AA that his interest in landscape was kindled, and winning a Bernard Webb studentship at the British School in Rome, he and a fellow student, J. C. Shepherd, toured Italy making measured drawings of the country's famous gardens, and rendering plans and elevations in watercolour. These, published in book form in 1925 under

SIR GEOFFREY JELLICOE



the title Italian Gardens of the Renaissance, formed probably the first fresh appraisal of their subject since the 19th century. They were to influence many young architects. encouraging them to undertake a modern day equivalent of the Grand

Returning to England, and being elected an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects (ARIBA) in 1927, Jellicoe set up his own practice but with a leaning towards town-planning and garden design. One of his early interests was the relation of new industrial buildings to their landscape setting and in 1929 he helped to found the Institute of Landscape Architects before going on to set up the International Federation of Landscape Architects of which he was an honorary life president.

Jellicoe's landscape interests were pursued in commissions for country houses where a revision of tradition

formal garden at James Gibbs' 18thcentury mansion, Ditchley Park in Oxfordshire. It was widely regarded as the last great classical garden in Britain. At Montisford Abbey he set an avenue of pleached limes against sweeping lawns.

During the war Jellicoe became one of the first landscape architects consulted by industry. He served as housing architect to the Ministry of Supply. In 1940 he had the opportunity to put some of his ideas into practice working on the surroundings of some colliery buildings and miners' houses in Nottinghamshire. His 1942 designs for the Earle's Cement Works in Derbyshire showed how industrial buildings could be incorporated into attractive rural surroundings without scarring them forever.

Jellicoe executed some notable civic and commercial commissions including terraces at Landbury, the model town centre for the Festival of seemed more appropriate than a Britain. He was also offered the revolution of it. In 1935 he designed a opportunity to plan Hemel Hempstead New Town in 1947, though in the end only his scheme for a water garden was executed.

He, himself, tended to denigrate his architectural work and it was in gardens that he was principally interested. As well as his work at Ditchley Park he designed gardens at the Royal Lodge in Windsor, at Sandringham and at Chequers. From the 1960s onwards he concentrated increasingly on this aspect of his work. He laid out the central area of the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, he prepared development plans for Sark in the Channel Islands, for the Isles of Scilly and for the centre of Gloucester. But perhaps one of his most notable and characteristic creations was the 1964-65 J. F. Kennedy Memorial at Runnymede, a deceptively simple and poetic co-ordination of layout and planting embodying his intense sense of the symbolism of this historic landscape. Jellicoe had been inspired in its design by the work of Ben Nicholson, Henry Moore and Graham Sutherland, artists whom he, himself, befriended. Over the years he built up an impressive collection of their

Even after his retirement from architectural practice in the early 1970s, Jellicoe was kept busy as a landscape consultant. He was concerned about the development of new arterial roads, and he gave telling evidence at several public inquiries, stressing the value of a sympathetic relation to the larger landscape, but never speaking simply as a preservationist. Among other commissions he also redesigned Fitzroy Square in London, making the space as pleasant to look at as it was to be in. He was a member of the Council for the reservation of Rural England and of the Royal Parks committee.

The last phase of Jellicoe's career came in 1980, a year after he had been knighted. He was invited to design a new setting, including a series of surrounding gardens, for one of Britain's most famous early Tudor mansions. Sutton Place, near Guildford, which had been bought by Stanley Seeger after the death of J. Paul Getty. Using his favourite devices of long walks, enclosures and contrasts of spaciousness and detail, he reshaped the existing garden. The most memorable feature of this commission is a version of a white relief by Ben Nicholson enclosed by beech hedges and offset by a pool. Regrettably, however, the full design was never completed.

In his old age Jellicoe found inspiration in the writings of Heraclitus and in the theory of the mutability of the world. He was 84 years old when he embarked on the most ambitious project of his career: the creation of an artificial landscape to be known as the Moody Historical Gardens, at Galveston, Texas, designed to occupy 126 acres of otherwise unusable wetland. The aim was to present a form of landscape history of the world's civilisations - incorporating at the same time a survey of botanical history — which visitors would tour by waterbus. The execution of the project is due to begin in the next few years. Jellicoe made all the drawings for it himself and a book of them was published in 1988.

Geoffrey Jellicoe married Ursula Pares - always known as Susan - in 1936. She too was a garden expert and he relied on her for advice, especially on planting. The long narrow garden of their house in Highgate, which created an illusion of complexity and extent, was their joint creation. She predeceased him in 1986. They had no children.

JOHN AGAR

on July II aged 81. He was born on August II, 1914,

JOHN AGAR was a gifted physical chemist who contributed a great deal to the understanding of electrochemistry - the science which ranges from batteries and electroplating, to the manufacture of aluminium and hydrogen.

John Newton Agar was educated at Bradfield College

from which he won an open scholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He went up to Cambridge in 1932 to read natural sciences and obtained firsts in both parts of the tripos. In 1935 he was elected to college research studentship and began re-search with the late Dr F. P. Bowden on research on electrochemistry, a topic which was to have a lifelong fascination for him.

During this period Philip Bowden was ill for a while and Agar was largely responsible for two Royal Society papers and an annual report of the Chemical Society which ap-peared under their joint names. These considered the problem of overpotential - for instance, why the voltage required to liberate significant amounts of hydrogen and oxygen from water is larger than predicted. They were a remarkable achievement for someone in his early twenties.

On completing his PhD in 1938, he became research assistant to the late Dr U. R. Evans in the neighbouring Corrosion Laboratory and was soon involved in a number of wartime research projects for the Ministry of Supply and the Admiralty metallurgical laboratory, working on corrosion problems in ships.
In 1945 he went to Germany

to examine their wartime research in such areas, and later that year returned to the department of physical chemistry as an ICI Fellow. He remained in Cambridge for the rest of his life becoming a university demonstrator in 1947 and a Tecturer the following year. In 1965 he was appointed reader in physical chemistry, a post which he

held until his retirement in

Agar had a remarkable understanding of the whole subject of physical chemistry. He enjoyed the intellectual challenge of any problem in physics or chemistry. When one was propounded, he would puff on his pipe, scrib-

ble a few equations and quick-

ly offer an ingenious solution or comment with a shy smile. Nevertheless, he stuck very firmly to electrochemistry as a research topic, concentrating on the difficult problems of the diffusion of salts between solutions at different temperatures (the Soret effect) and electrical cells with electrodes at different temperatures. His insistence on the highest standards meant that he published little and he avoided publishing criticisms of the work of others even when it was clearly erroneous. He nevertheless enjoyed an international reputation in electrochemistry for his gentle and

unassuming wisdom.

In 1950 he was elected a Fellow at Sidney Sussex College where he was tutor for postgraduate students for a while and later became Vice-Master. He was head of the department of physical chemistry for two periods of about two years, first during the vice-chancellorship of Professor J.W. Linnett and then again almost immediately afterwards following Linnett's death.

Administration was not wholly to his liking. He had a remarkable ability to sense all the options in a situation and to predict the reactions of others, but disliked decision taking, because all the consequences of an alternative decision would never be known. After successfully steering Sidney Sussex College through a mastership election and the department of physical chemistry through a difficult per-iod, he was only too pleased to return to his books and his

teaching.
In 1952 he married Delia Margaret Simpson, a Fellow of Newham College, Cam-bridge, and herself a Cambridge PhD in physical chemistry. There were no children.

MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT TURNER CAIN

Major-General Robert Turner Cain, CB, CBE. DSO, Major-General. Administration, GHQ Far East Land Forces. 1964-67, and chairman of Anglia Maltings, 1962-82, died on July 11 aged 84. He was born on February 16, 1912.

HAD it not been for the world economic Depression in the early 1930s, Bob Turner Cain would have joined the family firm of Norfolk maltsters From the age of 14 he had accompanied his uncle, the chairman of the company. around the company's malrings in northern Norfolk. By 1932, however, the malting industry was so depressed and (to those with a sense of history) signs of another war with Germany were so obvious that he decided to make the Army his primary career. But always kept in close touch with the family business.

A physically large, avuncular figure with a powerful. outgoing personality, who was known as "Uncle Bob" by his soldiers, he had two highly successful and quite different comers. As a soldier, he fought in the prewar North West Frontier campaigns, then bat-tled though Normandy and took part in the assault over the Rhine. In the very different ethos of the 1960s, based in Singapore, he was in charge of logistics during the Brunei and Borneo campaign which secured Malaysia against the aggressive intentions of Indonesia's ruler. President Sukarno. After retiring from the Army, as chairman of the family firm, he then increased malt production over twenty vears from under 5,000 to 100,000 tons per year.

A son of Wing Commander G. Turner Cain, he was educated at Norwich School and Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Norfolk Regiment in 1932. He was posted to the 1st Battalion on the North West Frontier of India in 1933. He saw active service almost straight away in Waziristan, taking plant in operations against the Fakir of Ipi. a notorious frontier firebrand. For this he was men-

tioned in dispatches. Returning to England five years later, he became Adjutant of the regimental depot of the now Royal Norfolks in

Norwich, where he assisted in the mobilisation of the Regular and Territorial battalions at the outbreak of war in 1939. He did not go to France with the British Expeditionary Force, and so fortunately missed the evacuation from Dunkirk. He rejoined the 1st Battalion as a company commander in the 79th Armoured Division after attending the Staff College, Camberley, in 1941. In the preparations for D-Day, he was transferred to the 1st Herefords as second-incommand, and as a reserve CO for the landings in

Normandy.

The 1st Herefords were in the 159th Infantry Brigade. which landed as part of the Ilth Armoured Division. At the end of June, their CO, Jack Churcher, was promoted to command the brigade, and Cain took over the battalion. His first major action as CO was on July 20, 1944, during Operation "Goodwood". Montgomery's abortive attempt to break out with three armoured divisions attacking abreast down a bomb carpet laid by the strategic bombers. Thereafter, he fought with the

1st Herefords throughout the

North West Europe campaign from Normandy to the Baltic. He was awarded his DSO for his battalion's crucial night assault crossing of the Willems Canal at Zomeren on September 21-22 during the 11th Armoured Division's attempt to reach the 1st Airborne Division at Arnhem. Before his bridgehead was secure, he was heavily counter-attacked

by experienced high quality German infantry. Their eventual repulse in bitter and confused fighting enabled the Sappers to bridge the canal, and tanks and a further battalion to cross and exploit his success by seizing the town of Asten. His DSO citation ends: "His sound tactical ability made possible the great success of his battalion at heavy cost to the enemy; his coolness and personal bravery under enemy fire were an inspiration to all ranks."

As the war ended he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, and was lucky enough to be present at the German surrender to Field Marshal Montgomery on Luneburg Heath on May 4, 1945. After a series of staff appointments, he was given war-

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substantive command of his own regiment, 1st Royal Norfolks, in 1947, which was stationed in Berlin during the breaching of the Russian blockade of the city by the

Allied air lift from the West. By 1950 he was a student at the Joint Services Staff College. From there he went on to spend three years in the Military Intelligence Directorate of the War Office before being appointed, at last, to fully substantive command of ist Royal Norfolks, stationed first in Hong Kong and then at Colchester.

After two years as the com-. mandant of the tactical wing of the School of Infantry, he was promoted brigadier in 1957, and seconded to the Federal Army in Malaya as commander of the 1st Federal (Malay) Infantry Brigade with which he carried through some of the last jungle operations against the communist terrorist gangs on the Thai border. He was awarded the Star of Kedah for his services to Malaya.

He returned home in 1961 and was sent as Brigadier General Staff to HQ British Army of the Rhine. He anticipated trouble of some sort with the Russians and took precautionary steps to strengthen the communications with the British garrison. He was soon amply justified by the sudden building of the Berlin Wall. He was appointed CBE in 1963.

Promoted major-general in 1964, he flew eastwards again, this time to Singapore as Major-General (Administration) in GHQ Far East Land Forces, and handled all the



Robert Turner Cain, centre, inspecting troops of the Royal Malay Regiment, 1964

Army's supply and movement problems throughout the confrontation with Indonesia in Brunei and Borneo, a difficult task which ended in one of the tidiest victories secured by the British Army in any of its minor postwar campaigns. As Denis Healey, Labour Minis-ter of Defence, was able to say at the close of the campaign in 1966, it would be recorded in the history books "as one of the most efficient uses of military force in the history of the world." A campaign which ought to have served as a

model for the USA about how

to fight jungle warfare against a determined and ideologically-motivated opponent, it secured the future of Malaysia against what was at that time a large and menacing enemy.

Turner Cain retired in 1967. Appointed CB that year, he became Deputy Colonel of the Royal Anglian Regiment into which the Royal Norfolks had

been amalgamated. His second career as a maltster had opened before he retired from the Army. At his request, the Army Board had allowed him to take over the chairmanship of the family

firm in 1962. Besides the twenty-fold increase of malt production during his time as chairman, two new maltings were built, and transport and cereal products companies were added. By the time he retired in 1982, the firm had become Anglia Maltings (Holdings). When he handed over, he became president of

the family business. He married Lamorna Maturin Hingston, daughter of Colonel G. B. Hingston, in 1938. They had a son and a daughter. His family survive

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THE NATIONAL TRUST

Lord Zetland, the chairman of the National Trust. reviewed a year of remarkable progress in the trust's history at the annual meeting, held yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Threadneedle Street. Their Bill had passed through Parliament without opposition, LORD ZETLAND said, and

QUESTION OF BLOOD SPORTS

gave them a far wider scope. First it made possible the country house scheme, and as the advantages of the scheme to owners as well as the public became better realized they were confident that they would be entrusted with the preservation of many historic and beautiful places. Already the public-spirited owners of several important espublic-spirited owners of several important es-tates had asked them to prepare proposals for handing over their estates to the trust under the scheme. Several local authorities were already

considering gifts of funds or land.

Professor Trevelyan, Mr. R. B. Graham, and
Miss Wrigley were already making use of the
provisions relating to covenants to protect mportant places in the Lake District, Harry Plase and Robin Ghyll Cottage, Langdale, a farm in Borrowdale, and 190 acres on Wansfell. The Covernment had helped them in all these he inserted in the Finance Act this year about land devised to the trust would be of great benefit. COMMANDER J. L. CATHER moved a

esolution on field sports. It called on the executive

ON THIS DAY

July 20, 1937

The vexed question as to whether hunting and shooting should be allowed on National Trust property was discussed at the trust's annual meeting

committee to rescind any existing authorization of hunting and shooting for sport on National Trust properties and to prohibit them in future, except where land had been given to the trust conditionally on the sanctioning of field sports. Commander Cather said that if at the same time as they tried to preserve the more permanent features of the countryside or towns they were permitting the destruction of something much greater — the destruction of life for purposes which he was afraid, he could regard only as wanton — then they were, to his mind, contravening the whole spirit in which the trust was devised and in which it should be carried on. Mr. BERTRAM LLOYD, honorary secretary of the National Society for the Abolition of Cruel

Sports, seconded the motion. To many of them, he said, a badger, an ofter, or a stoat was an animal of "historic interest and natural beauty", in the words used in the full title of the trust.

Mr. R.C. NORMAN, vice-chairman of the executive committee, opposed the resolution, which if carried, he said, would do a serious injury to the trust. The great principle of sport versus anti-sport should be fought out outside the National Trust by the general public. Shooting was let on 21 of the trust's properties, amounting to 10,000 acres, and the shooting rees they received were E500 a year. He had little doubt that if those interested could provide sufficient more the trust. interested could provide sufficient money the trust would be able to increase considerably the amount of land on which shooting was not let.

Hunting, Mr. Norman continued, was a far more difficult question. The largest of all the trust's properties was on Exmoor, where the reservation of the right of stag hunting was made when the properties were handed over, so that if the resolution were carried it would not get rid of hunting the stag over their Exmoor property.

The sheep-farmers in the Lake District, where the trust had an enormous amount of property. had hunted the fox on foot over the hills for generations. How were they going to prevent the Lakeland farmers hunting the fox as they had always done? They would create a feeling of bitterness that would destroy the whole value of the work of the National Trust, and even then would not stop the farmers

The resultion was defeated by a large majority.

THE TIMES TODAY

Girl, 13, murdered on French trip

A 13-year-old English girl was raped and suffocated in a Brittany youth hostel during a school trip. Caroline Dickinson, a second-year pupil at Launceston College, Cornwall, was killed while four girls slept in the room beside her.

One of them told police she thought she heard a noise in the early hours of the morning, but assumed Caroline was having a

Terrorist 'boarded' doomed flight

■ The American Government was investigating reports that an Arab terrorist boarded TWA Flight 800 in Athens and that an Iranian group may have placed a bomb on the jet which crashed near Long Island, killing 230 Pages 1, 14, 15

Duke to quit Navy

The Duke of York, 36, is to leave the Royal Navy in two years' time after nearly 20 years' distinguished service... Pages L 6

Olympics open With the glitter of sequins, fireworks and \$300 m worth of sec-

urity, the 26th Olympic Games opened Pages I, 21, 46, 48, Life for bag thief

A judge jailed a 19-year-old handbag thief for life, saying he felt obliged to protect the public for as long as possible from the

Bus off route

"predator".

The bus which crashed into a low bridge, injuring fifty children in Cheshire, was not permitted to use . Page 5 the route.

Holiday by the siege

The Princess of Wales and Duchess of York were holidaying under siege after three photographers were arrested..... Page 6

Government quilty

A judge blamed the Government for the deaths of people who contracted CJD after being given growth hormone from

Christian aid

A Christian group called Fundamentalists Anonymous is to be launched to help people struggling with extremist churches . Page 10

Charges dropped

The Lord Chancellor has shelved plans under which civil court claimants would pay a daily hear-

Karadzic quits

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader indicted as a war criminal, resigned from all public

Small party

The American Friends of the Mary Rose gave a party for the Prince of Wales, but few went Page 15

Dublin ghosts go to the wall

... Page 3

■ Crowds are gathering at a council house near Dublin after a family reported ghosts dancing on a wall. A psychic psychologist says the figures are car lights reflected off a shed roof, but the spectacle stays popular - especially after closing time ... Page 3

VAITUIRIE NOITES Sour Grapes (Heathus antagonistus) This fruit does not mature well. After eighty years on the vine it can become bitter and twisted, often getting the pip. Fig. 1B The variety is thin-skinned and excellent for treading. Fig. 1A

Bush warfare: The news and programming requirements of the BBC World Service differ from those of the domestic service. John Birt has yet to convince his supporters, let alone his critics, that his proposed mergers will do more good than harm Page 21 Paradox in court: The point of contempt of court legislation is to protect a trial from contamination Page 21

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Fleadh, include a controversial one about IRA hunger . Page 18 Calcutta revisited: Voyeurz, London's new nude musical, ling rose .24 cents to \$1:5474 must work hard to generate as much debate as Oh! and .18 pfennigs to

Calcutta!

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Bus charges: The chairman of British Bus was one of two men arrested and charged with corruption in connection gifts totalling with £600,000 Page 25 Rolls-Royce blow: More than 2,500 jobs are at risk

after the aerospace and engineering group said it would sell or close two loss-making Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 17.1 points to 3,710.5. on the foreign exchange. Ster-

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Numbers up: Drivers put Page 30

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Golf: Paul McGinley had

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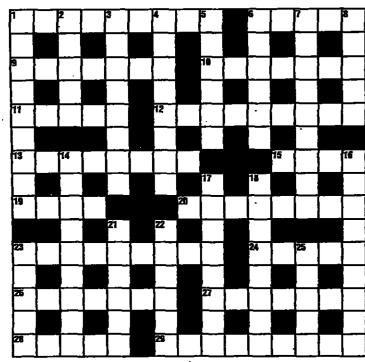
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flag (9).

cycle (8).

the States (6).

I Inferior guy securing Egyptian

Unexceptional old American bi-

4 Previous state adopted by iron (8).

5 Bar of soap, say, permitted to be added to bill (6).

6 A pound added to some capital in

7 Venue for races in a film one's shot

Bloomer gondolier might make if daughter takes one's place (9).

17 Staircase containing an opening

18 Worker sometimes unpunctual.

21 Something like an inch taken from slip in blue (6).

22 Gang joined by Italian robber (6).

23 He's gone to pot, according to

25 One engineer understanding question paper - a lot (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,224

8 Note car on motorway (5). 14 Hobby of some recently seen in

pursuit of letter (9).

for ventilation (8).

Keats (5).

forming a pattern (8).

Doctor to treat black eye (5).

- Drug addict should stop behaving like that! (4.3.2).
- 6 American tool used by 7 is saw (5). 9 Country allocating money to road construction (7).
- 10 Overprotect half our capital in the City (7). II Farm labourer goes about a foot
- 12 Author said play could provide
- what resting actors need (9). 13 Dad's backing Mum, perhaps — that's evident (8).
- 15 Runner reaching half-way point is
- complacent (4).
- 19 King's knight moved back it could be used in incisive attack (4). 20 Parental, in a way (8).
- 23 Vote against accepting seven points for this (9).
- 24 Put out by climax in speech (5). 26 He's read version that's cut (7).
- 27 Finally firing more work-shy workman (7).
- 28 Reserve parking place (3-2). 29 It proves ownership of river in noble setting (5.4).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,219

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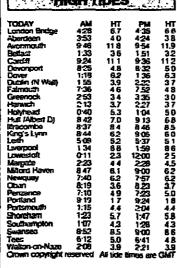
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General; England and Wales will be I General: England and Wales will be dry with long sunny spells and light winds. It will be very warm in most places. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with sunny spells, but northwest Scotland is expected to be cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle, spreading slowly east. Northern Ireland will have patchy rain in the evening. Temperatures mostly above average.

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London, SE England, E Anglia, Cent S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales: dry, long surray spells. Wind

east. Max 26 to 28C, 79 to 82F. ☐ NW England, Lake District, Cent N, NE England: generally dry with surmy spells but small chance of a

shower later. Wind southerty, light occasionally mederate. Max 26C, 79F.

ABROAD

Changes to the chart above from noon; lows B and G will move northeast and fill high T will drift east with fittle change in central pressure

& Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands: dry with sunny spells. Small chance of showers leter. Wind southerly, light to moderate. Max 22 to 24C, 72 to 75F.

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☐ Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: mostly dry at first, cloud increasing with patchy rain or drizzle later. Wind southerly, moderate becoming fresh. Max 16C, 61F.

Argytl, NW Scotland: cloudy, patchy rain or drizzle at times, more persistent later. Wind southerly, mederate to fresh. Max 16C, 61F. ing cloudy later, rain in evening. Wind moderate southerly. Max 23C, 73F.

☐ Outlook: rain at times in North West, ☐ Pottlen forecast: NW Scotland, London, low; E Anglia, South East, moderate to high; elsewhere, high.

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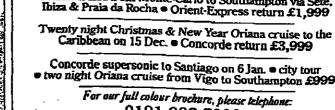
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY JULY 20 1996

Rolls-Royce retreat puts 2,500 jobs on the line

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aerospace and engineering group, has placed two loss-making steam-generation businesses on the auction block and said that 2,500 jobs would be at risk if no buyers are found. The strategic retreat will cost it a total of £248 million.

Parsons Power Generation Systems, based in Newcastle upon Tyne, and International Combustion, of Derby, together lost about £30 million on sales of £280 million in 1995 and were showing no sign of improvement this year because of intense competition from companies

charged

BY ROBERT MILLER

Polly Peck International.

tion of Corruption Act.

make around £10 million.

Cowie acquisition deal, Mr Williams resigned yesterday from the board of British Bus.

The Rothschild statement said

that Cowie had received indemnities relating to the

SFO's investigation and add-ed: "The board of Cowie, after

discussion with its advisers,

reaffirms its belief that any further outcome arising from

this investigation should not have a material adverse im-

pact on British Bus, or the

British Bus, the UK's largest

privately owned bus company, employs more than 11,000

staff. It was formed after a

management buyout of Drawlane Holdings from Nat-

ional Express, the coach, bus

and airport operator, and had

planned to become a stock

market company, valued at around £250 million, but this

was shelved as a result of the

The British Bus acquisition

SFO investigation.

enlarged group."

THE founder and chairman of British Bus, the UK's third-largest bus company, was one of two men arrested

yesterday by the Serious Fraud Office and charged

with corruption in connec-

tion with gifts totalling

Dawson Thomas Williams,

57, from Ringwood in Hamp-

shire, who started British Bus

in 1992, and Ian Harvey, 39, of

shire, an officer of the First

National Bank of Boston, were

arrested when they reported to

Bishopsgate police station in

The arrests followed an

investigation codenamed Ausonia. The men were

charged on 15 counts of cor-

ruptly accepting payments worth £1 million as "induce-

ments or rewards" in connec-

tion with five companies,

including three in the British

Bus Group, as well as Drawlane Transport Group

Bishop's Stortford, Hertford-

£600,000.

such as Siemens, Asea Brown Boveri and

General Electric.

Sir Ralph Robins, Rolls-Royce's chairman. said a strategic review determined that "it is increasingly unlikely that Rolls-Royce can develop a leading global position in this sector of the market."

Parsons, which employs 1,600, and Interna-tional Combustion, with 900 workers, became part of Rolls-Royce's industrial power group with its acquisition of Northern Engineering Industries in 1989 for £304 million. Parsons. one of the biggest employers in the Newcastle, specialises in the design, construction and

management of large steam-power projects. Combustion International manufactures the combustion systems.

A spokesman said that Rolls-Royce had been approached by potential purchasers for the divisions, but there was no guarantee they would have new owners by the of the end of the year. Rolls-Royce expects the businesses to be sold separately and is to appoint an investment bank to screen the applicants. There will be no immediate job losses, although employment will gradually decline as contracts reach completion. A £170 million charge is to be taken in the first half and will be reflected in the

interim results, due on August 29. In spite of the charge, Rolls-Royce said that it anticipates that performance will continue to improve in the second half" because of strong sales in the aerospace group, which makes Rolls-Royce and Allison engines for military

and civil aircraft. After the sale or closure of Parsons and Combustion International, Rolls-Royce will concentrate on the market for small power-generation systems based on derivatives of aero gas turbines, such as the Trent and the WR21.

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DTI clears bids for Lloyds

Chemists By Sarah Cunningham

UNICHEM and Gehe are poised to relaunch their battle for Lloyds Chemists after the Government said yesterday that bids by either may go ahead as long as a buyer is found within three months for some of the Lloyds wholesaling operations. UniChem would have to sell

six out of ten Lloyds regional depots used to distribute pharmaceuticals to third parties, while Gehe would have to sell seven. Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said buyers must be identified by October 18. The two bids were put on hold in March by a reference to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission. UniChem, British owner of the Moss pharmacies, said it would be able to meet the requirements. The remedies proposed do not alter nuchem's view that flovo represents an attractive oppor tunity," it said.

Dieter Kämmerer Gehe's chief executive, said the Government's conditions were acceptable because he was determined to pursue Lloyds for its retail chemists chain rather than its wholesale operations. But he said it was difficult "to overlook that shedding the depots will cut around 10 per cent of

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Shares steady

The London stock market end-া a volatile week on a steady note, with investors taking their lead from soothing comments on the US economy by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, and an 87-point leap overnight on Page 30 Wall Strect.



Richard Gamble, left, and Roger Taylor, Royal and Sun Alliance deputy chairman

insurers' merger now flying

TRADING began ye in shares of the newly created Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance, created through a £5.4 billion merger of the compos-ites Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance (Marianne Curphey writes).

Shares in the merged group edged up 5p, to 370p. About 5,000 jobs will go in restructuring, with 80 per cent of job losses expected in the UK, where both companies have head offices. The new group, of which Richard Gamble is chief executive, aims to save £175 million,

about the same as reorganisa

will enable Cowie, who will take on the private company's tion costs. Sun Alliance has changed its name to Royal & Sun £100 million of debt, to become a national bus operator, add-Alliance Insurance, which will be the holding company ing services in Northumbria, North Wales, Scotland and the for the new group.

Somerfield cuts flotation price

By George Sivell

SOMERFIELD, the supermarkets group, has cut the price of shares to be offered in its flotation to 160p.

The price compares with the previous indicated range of 180p to 190p and reduces the value of the company from between £540 million and £570 million to £480 million. The group's advisers had said this week that they would refuse to move from the 180p to 190p

price range.

Big City institutions had made it clear to Somerfield's advisers that they would only support the issue in present market conditions if the shares were competitively priced. Somerfield, formerly known as Isosceles, has been

overshadowed in the supermarket price wars by Tesco, Sainsbury, Safeway and Asda. However, last night's deci-

sion to press ahead with the flotation but at a reduced price will also reduce the value of the £5 million bonus that David Simons, the chief executive, will receive upon successful flotation of the company. The decision to float at 160p

a share also leaves the comparty on a low stock market rating. The shares will yield a high 8.3 per cent and stand on a multiple of 7.2 times actual earnings.

Somerfield has not been alone. Allied Carpets this week cut its asking price from £250 million to £189 million.

Funds throw Sterling a lifeline



A CORE of supportive fund managers could assure the survival of Lord Sterling as

chairman of P&O, the embattled shipping to transport group that has under-performed the rest of the stock market by 50 per cent over the nast ten years.

Lord Sterling's position has been undermined by research purporting to show that three quarters of P&O's institutional shareholders want him to stand down. But institutions speaking for a quarter or more By Martin Waller

of the company are thought to be prepared to give the existing management another two years' grace.

None were talking formally last night, but it is thought that fund managers such as Mercury Asset Management, Gartmore, the Prudential and Schroders have indicated privately to Lord Sterling that their patience is not yet exhausted. His position was boosted by the decision of Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to allow P&O and its

Channel ferry rival Stena to consider a merger.

Lord Sterling's critics will be handed further ammunition next week when first-half operating figures are released, ahead of a set of interim figures that even Sterling loyalists accept will be awful.

City disenchantment with P&O management stems from its failure to make disposals. particularly of property assets, that has left the balance sheet overstretched and the divi-

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hen he died in 1616 at the ripe old age of 52. Shakespeare was truly the grand old man of English literature. Today he would be merely middle aged and looking forward to another 30 years of active life, a few more plays and a serialisation of his biography in a Sunday supplement

Advances in medical science and changes in lifestyle and working practices mean that we will all now live a great deal longer than our grandfathers and even our fathers. By the year 2020, 18 per cent of the UK population will be 65 or over. On an average day in that year there will be II million pensioners enjoying retirement, with only another 38 million citizens at work. And retirement will not be just a couple of years' rest at the end of a long working life, but a "holiday" of 15 or 20 years and hopefully much

Funding these long periods of retirement for such a large section of the population is an expense that the state can no longer afford to bear on its own. More must be done to encourage individuals to provide sufficient funds to purchase a decent pension for their retirement. Currently 40 per cent of the population are relying on the basic state pension to fund their retirement, while less than I per cent of pensioners make full use of the tax relief available to them when funding their pension. The costs of building up enough capital to provide for a reasonable pension means that it is important to start saving early. However, a lack of interest and, perhaps more important, a lack of understanding mean that this is left far too late.

As things stand today, people have a bewildering array of pen-sion savings options available, some of which they can use and others which they cannot depending on whether they are employed or self-employed.

If you are employed and your employer runs a pension scheme, it may be defined benefit or money purchase. Different rules apply to savers in each case. It may not be a

scheme at all, it could be a grouping of personal pensions which just looks like a scheme and so on and

Our pensions system is labyrinthine in its complexity and is being made more and more complex with extra layers of regulations being those who work in the industry now find it hard to understand pensions and, more importantly, to explain them to other people.

People struggling to understand-how to save for their retirement must look enviously at the simplicity of products such as Peps. It is absurd that it is now easier for the average man in the street to invest in the stock market than to out money aside for a pension. To combat this, Prudential has

produced, in conjunction with a number of other pensions industry experts and individuals from the National Association of Pension Funds and the Consumers' Association, a report which, under the banner of simplifying pensions, suggests a number of common-



Davis

sense moves to remove many of the unnecessary complications which beset people trying to save for their

First, all adults should be allowed to contribute to a pension irrespective of how much they earn or whether they are employed, selfemployed or, indeed, unemployed. Secondly, people should be allowed to pay as much as they wish into their pension and this

money should also be subject to tax relief. If this is too bitter a pill for the Inland Revenue to swallow, then we suggest basing the limit of how much you can pay into your pension, not on a percentage or earnings, but on a simple £6,000 a year limit or a lifetime contribution of £240,000.

Thirdly, the money you pay into your pension should be allowed to come from any source, eg, not just your own income, but, if you're not working, your partner's income.

Fourthly, existing benefit limits should be removed. Currently people in company pension schemes are only allowed to take up to two-thirds of their pay as a pension at retirement. Why? No good reason as far as I can see. Therefore, benefit limits should be removed and people allowed to fund their pension to whatever level they can afford.

What is interesting about these proposals is that if you put them in front of someone not baptised into the priesthood of pensions, they think these freedoms already exist and they are dismayed to discover that unfortunately life is not as easy

as that. As well as offering a number of simple options. I would also sug-

gest taking a couple of things away. Pensions have to provide people with an income for perhaps up to 30 years, therefore the idea that you can take up to 25 per cent out of your pension as a tax-free lump sum to spend on a holiday is now an anomaly and we should consider phasing it out.

Freedom of choice is invariably a good thing. However, extending freedom of choice so that people may or may not save for their retirement can have the unfortunate effect of some people choosing to be better off now at the expense of being poor after they finish work. The right to leave an employer's pension scheme and do nothing in place means anyone doing so will almost certainly be poorer in retirement. It is easy to understand why people do this. Generally, takehome pay goes up as a result of not

making pension contributions, but

this is a short-term gain and is not in the individual's ultimate interest. The freedom to allow people to opt out of their employer's pension scheme should be reconsidered.

Saving for your retirement is not a simple affair. Many people get bogged down in the intricacies of regulation and legislation and keep putting the decision off. But this decision cannot be put off indefinitely. Hopefully a simpler, easy-tounderstand pension will go some way towards encouraging people to put more money away for their retirement at an earlier stage.

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In the early 1900s John F. Kennedy said: "Society has produced a medical revolution which extends human life but has failed to create an accompanying financial revolution which sustains it in dignity." Thirty years on we have the financial mechanisms to help people to support themselves in retirement, the problem is they can't understand them.

Peter Davis is group chief executive of Prudential

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Burton wins. **Innovations** with £45m bid

By Clare Stewart

BURTON GROUP is to move into home shopping through

the acquisition of innovations. the mail order company. The agreed offer by Burton, which owns the Debenhams, Top Shop and Dorothy Perkins chains, values each Inno-

vations share at 310p and the company at £44.9 million. News of the agreed bid, together with encouraging sales figures from Burton, prompted analysts to upgrade profit forecasts, boosting the

Shareholders can choose between shares, cash or a loan note alternative. Shares of Innovations, which was formerly known as Kleeneze, had

closed at 212p on Thursday. Burton also announced that group sales in the 19 weeks to July 13 rose by 8.5 per cent, led by Debenhams where sales increased by 8.3 per cent. Gross margins have also improved, up 2.1 per cent, reflecting better trading and supply chain improvements."

Burton said its acquisition of Innovations was "a strategic opportunity" to get into the home shopping market. Andrew Higginson, Burton's finance director, said: "It is a natural development of the Burton brands." Burton hopes to have the first catalogues for the individual chains operating within two

Holders of 50.54 per cent of Innovations shares, including the directors, are backing the Burton offer. Nigel Swabey, a former director who left after a boardroom row in 1994, and who holds 15.4 per cent, is also

believed to support the offer. Shares in Burton ended at 15112p. up 634p, while innovations closed up 101p at 313p.

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Lang clears £1.7bn water bid by ScottishPower

By Our City Staff

IAN LANG, President of the Board of Trade, has cleared

ScottishPower's £1.68 billion bid for Southern Water. The DTI said yesterday that ScottishPower had confirmed its agreement to reductions in the allowable price increases for Southern Water's regulat-

cent in permitted price levels in the two years from April

1998. Mr Lang added that ScottishPower had given assurances that it would address concerns over the loss of comparative information on the performance of water companies resulting from Southern Water's removal from the Stock Exchange.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: TIM STEVENSON

High-speed life oiling the wheels of Castrol

Jon Ashworth meets the chief executive whose ambition is to spread his company's products to all corners of the globe

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in motorcycle racing scream down the track at Donington Park tomorrow, one fan will not be there to cheer them on. Tim Steven-∪¬ son will be on his way to Colombia as part of

a routine that finds him in China one week, clinching a deal, or in a distant corner of Russia, downing vodkas with hard-nosed locals. His life turns on the fortunes of Castrol, whose lubricants have been breaking records. and snatching chequered flags, for the best part of a century — there is a world to conquer and motor sport must wait. All eyes at tomorrow's British Motorcy-

cle Grand Prix will be on Luca Cadalora, riding a Honda 500cc emblazoned with the Castrol colours. Castrol spends £100 y million a year on brand promotion, with much of the money devoted to sponsoring superbikes, rally cars and powerboats. The company is associated with the Thrust SSC assault on the land speed record, led by Richard Noble, the current holder. Victory rams home the message: Castrol means success.

"There's something particularly romantic about going very fast across the earth," says Stevenson, 48, who became chief executive of Castrol

International three summers ago. "We've always wanted to be associated with that." Founded by C.C. Wakefield in 1899, Castrol has long been involved with recordbreaking attempts. During the 1920s, it was said that four out of five British car races were

won on Wakefield Castrol. The elixir helped Sir Malcolm Campbell and his son, Donald, to successive world speed record triumphs. Castrol has long since lost its crown to

competitors like Shell, Mobil and BP. Stevenson has his work cut out, driving a team that takes in 10,000 people in 150 countries, and generates 70 per cent of the profit earned by Burmah Castrol, its parent company, which took on the expanded name in 1990. The company made a pre-tax profit of £253 million last year, on sales of more than £3 billion. As Western markets decline, Castrol and its rivals are looking to Asia, where sales of cars and motorbikes are soaring. Everyone wants a slice.

"It's a key plank of our forward Asia Pacific very substantially because that's where all the growing markets are." says Stevenson. They're significantly growing markets, both in terms of volume and in terms of technical sophistication. Making sure that we maximise our presence there is absolutely vital."

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Castrol moved its Asian head office from the UK to Hong Kong in January, at a cost of £2 million a year. "The incremental expense of having that team in Hong Kong is quite significant, but we moved them because of a feeling that they

WHEN the big names in motorcycle racing market places; to live, breathe and feel them on a day-to-day basis."

Hong Kong was chosen in spite of fears about the forthcoming handover to China. We were prepared to take the risk of 1997. If it really goes bad, and the Red Army starts shooting at everybody, we'll have to pull the team out, but we think the

probability is very small."

Castrol is long established in Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia, and is anxious to gain market share in Japan. Korea and China. Stevenson recently cliriched a joint venture in Shenzhen, ready to flood the local market with Castrol lubricants. "You can take a view that over a 15-year period we've got to get it right in China, or all the effort that we're putting into Asia

The greatest success so far has been in Vietnam, which has grown in four years to become a vastly important market. The Vietnam story is the best example that we've got of taking the Castrol formula into a brand-new territory and building the thing from scratch," says Stevenson. Billboards and stickers have sprouted all over Ho Chi Minh City. Local marketeers have campaigned to get Castrol stickers on the back of as many motorbikes as possible.

tevenson recalls: "The first time I went there, I was wheeled in by our general manager to see a number of government ministers, one of whom said: 'Ah, yes, Castrol Best Quality Lubricants'

— that's the theme on which we've marketed the product. We'd used all the media to drum home the message, and

he'd absorbed it. It was levely to have it played back from that level." A similar exercise is under way in India, which was recently freed up for greater competition. "We did it in exactly the way we've done it in Vietnam: by blanketing the market with Castrol imagery and driving the business forward. You go to the remotest parts of India, and you see walls that are plastered with the Castrol logo and the Castrol

colours." Stevenson spends an average of ten days a month travelling, although the pace has eased recently. When he became chief executive he set himself the task of visiting all Castrol's subsidiaries within three years. South America is the last big

Much of his time is spent talking to Castrol clients and staff, eager to win a feel for the dynamics of the business. Discussions inevitably lead to the local bar. "Castrol executives are great drinkers, and a lot of the flavour of what's really going on in an organisation you get from people late at night in the bar: 'Now let me tell you this', 'Why the bloody hell don't you do this', and 'You got that one completely wrong, didn't you?'"

Contracts in Russia often depend on the ability to down several glasses of vodka.



Tim Stevenson tops up at Burmah Castrol House, Swindon. "The job that I've got is challenging enough without thinking too much about what happens next."

On the road, Stevenson heeds the advice running Castrol's operations in Spain. "It Burmah Castrol's chief executive. "Jonathan Fry, who did the job before me, said: 'One of the most important things in this job is to make sure you get lots of sleep whenever you can'. He's my boss,

When in the UK, Stevenson divides his time between head office in Swindon, a smaller London outpost, and home in Oxford, where he lives with his wife, Marion, and their three daughters. We meet at the Castroi Technology Centre in Pangbourne, Berkshire, awash with white-coated technicians and idling engines. Stevenson is cordial but intensely focused, rarely deviating from the script

Wakefield, the son of a lay preacher, started out with railway lubricants in the early 1900s, and emerged, for a time, as Ford's recommended supplier. His mix-ture of castor and mineral oil was hailed as Britain's "secret weapon" in the First World War, enabling Handley Page bombers to fly above the range of German guns at dauntingly low temperatures. Consumer success followed.

A lawyer by trade, Stevenson started 20 years ago in Burmah's legal department, then switched to planning, before a stint

was fantastic fun," he says. "I was on my own, in a sense, because of the Castrol tradition, which is when you're in charge, of a Castrol company you're left very



not go all right in Brazil, which suffered losses of £9 million. A new management

When he was approaching 40, Stevenson signed up at London Business School experienced most sides of a business that

provides lubricants for metalworking, fuels ships and is used to hydraulically control well-heads on the ocean floor. I've had a fantastic opportunity of seeing different bits of the group, and very different sorts of management issues to

Stevenson continues to pack in the overseas trins, and runs two or three times a week to keep in shape. He has had some hairy moments, once careering down a Turkish hillside in an old black Mercedes after the brakes failed. "Luckily the guy who was driving it was pretty competent, and using the handbrake and the gears and a bit of gravel that happened to appear on the right hand

Nevada's Black Rock desert in September, when Andy Green, an RAF test pilot, attempts to steer Thrust SSC to a new land speed record. Castrol is one of dozens of sponsors to the project, which will bring its own set of rewards. "If he succeeds in shoving a car across the desert at north of 840 miles per hour, the exploitation opportunities are fantastic."

Stevenson could well be running Burmah Castrol within a couple of years, although he will not be drawn on his ambitions. The job that I've got is big enough and challenging enough without thinking too much about what happens next. To worry about that too much actually wouldn't be terribly constructive. Stopping will be no less an issue in ball is coming fast enough as it is."

Essence of beauty pervades a chairman's dining room

B AT Industries, the to-bacco and financial services group, is not normally associated with scent, cosmetics and visions of female beauty. Yet, it has a rather curiously provocative collection of portraits of fragrant young women in its Windsor House office in Vic-toria Street, London. At first glance, a visitor could be excused for recoiling at the sight of these semi-clad beauties, wondering if they might be portraits of particu-larly self-indulgent female BAT executives or, more likely, a selection of the most attractive directors' wives.

Hanging in a group in the chairman's dining room and dotted around the offices of senior executives, they are in fact a series of paintings of "the ideal woman", as conceived by leading artists of the 1960s. The series was commissioned in the mid-1960s when BAT owned a number of cosmetics and fragrance houses, including Yardley and Lentheric, companies which were sold in 1985 as British and American Cosmetics to Beecham.

Lentheric clearly had a flair for publicity, for it dreamt up the idea of commissioning these 12 portraits of female beauty to publicise a new fragrance named Lentheric 12. In the words of its publicity alchemists of the day: "Lentheric wanted a perfume that would appeal to women everywhere so they went to 12 of the world's best-known painters and commissioned them to paint their ideal of feminine beauty. Then these highly individual pictures were hung together in

Portraits of 'the ideal woman' provide a talking point at BAT, says Joanna Pitman

France. And from them, Lentheric's skilled per-fumiers drew their inspiration." This came in all forms. Salvador Dali's watercolour depicts a young girl, big of hip and breast, blonde and barely covered, in Venus de Milo pose, pouting dreamily at the artist as a single pink rose clings and clambers up her thighs. Franco Gentilini, an Italian whose work hangs in modern art galleries in Rome, Venice and Milan, produced large semi-abstract oil

clasping a tulip. It hangs by the lifts in the office corridor (clearly the more provocative pictures have been kept out of the chairman's dining room, lest important clients choke on their starters). The Gentilini dame has long Gentimi oame has long been a cariosity, "a bit of a talking point" as BAT emp-loyees refer to it, for her pec-uliar double nipple which looks as if it might have been added by the pencil of a passerby waiting for the lift. passerby waiting for the lift. Not all are abstract. Some



Dali painted one of the Lentheric 12 portraits

artists painted their girl-friends, wives or sisters, others shut themselves away and dreamt up their ideal woman. The resulting range of vision, tone and style is broad. Pietro Annigoni, regarded by Lentheric as "the world's greatest living portrait painter, did a rather subdued but finely executed crayon-and-wash head and shoulders. It hangs in the office of the finance director.

One portrait from the original collection of 12 has been sold. This was a huge Peter Blake pop art oil painting of Cryla, the only named por-trait in the collection and a fine example of his brash and brightly coloured work.

All in all, the remaining

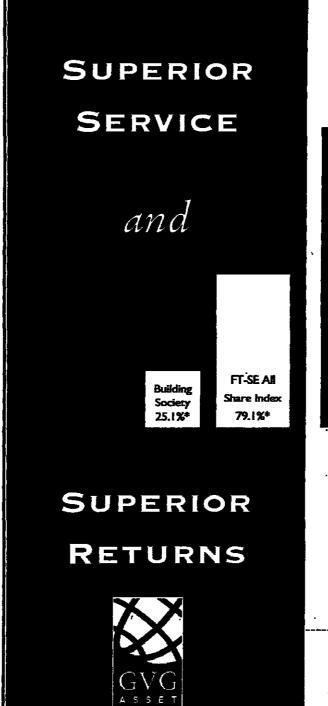
Lentheric 11 are a pretty idiosyncratic group which by no means appeals to all

Suzanne Fisher, of the iblic affairs department, is in favour. "Once you recog-nise they're a collection, they become quite a curiosity. I think they are quite fun. although many regard them

Lord Cairns, the new chairman of BAT Industries and a man of classical artistic tastes, is said to be ambivalent about them.

The present finance director, who stares daily at the Annigoni beauty hanging on his wall, may in fact turn out to have been their champion all along, preventing them from going under the ham-mer at Christie's.

On the other hand, he may be aware that they are worth only £75,000 and are better preserved for their lunch-



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Nightfreight, the nationpany that is likely to benefit from the Post Office strike, yesterday reported a rise in profits to £1.81 million before tax, from £1.37 million, in the half-year to the end of

Earnings improved to 2.61p a share from 2p and the interim dividend is lifted to 1.3p from 1.13p. Turnover rose to £38.3 million from £25.4 million.

Sun Life move

Sun Life, which came to the stock market last month, announced yesterday that Simon McClean. the managing director of its asset management arm, is to step down because of ill-health. He will be re-placed by Paul Whitney, who has been appointed chief executive from Au-

Greycoat buys

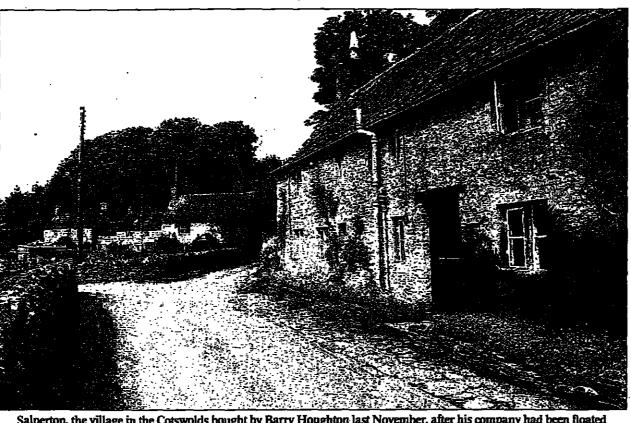
Shares in Greycoat, the property group, gained 6/2p yesterday as the company spent £5 million buying up stock in the market. HŠBC James Capel, the stock broker, acquired 3.57 million shares at 140p. amounting to just under 3 per cent of the issued share capital. Greycoat said yesterday that it had authority from shareholders to buy up to 5 per cent of the existing ordinary shares.

Panasonic jobs

A E7.6 million expansion by Panasonic, the Japanese company, will create 300 new jobs in Cardiff. The company is extending its microwave oven output, and is planning to develop a new line of digital televisions.

Equitas

Colin Maltby has been appointed chief investment officer of Equitas, not chief executive officer as reported yesterday.



Salperton, the village in the Cotswolds bought by Barry Houghton last November, after his company had been floated

US group offers £80m to take over Rainford

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BARRY HOUGHTON, chairman and founder of the Rainford group, is set to make a second fortune when he receives nearly £13 million in cash from an £80 million takeover launched yesterday by Reltec. the private US

Mr Houghton's family trust took about E8 million in cash in April last year when Rainford, which makes telecommunications components, was floated for £64 million. He maintained a 47 per cent stake in the company.

November, Houghton, 48, bought Salperton, a Cotswold village complete with manor house. 1.650 acres, a Norman church and a working farm.

Mr Houghton founded the company in 1971, after leaving Alcan and selling his Oxfordshire home. He moved to St Helens, where he had grown up, and used the £1,500 profit from the house sale to set up Rainford.

As a listed company, Rainford, which manufactures base station cabinet enclosures for mobile phone networks, has had mixed fortunes. After buoyant trading in the first six months, a slowdown in growth and a



rescheduling of orders punished its share price. Mr Houghton said yester-

day that he thought the share markdown earlier this year was an overreaction, but otherwise he had enjoyed his brief experience at the helm of a listed company. Rainford revealed that its pre-tax profit rose 15 per cent, to £6.1 million. on sales of £79 million.

Reltec's offer consists of 335p a share in cash, the same as Rainford's closing price yesterday after a jump of 20p. Shareholders will also receive a second interim dividend of 5p declared today. There is also a loan note alternative and a share alternative of 0.411 new Reltec shares for each Rainford share.

Reltec purchased 1.1 million shares yesterday, equal to a 4.6 per cent stake in Rainford. This ensures that, with Mr Houghton's 47 per cent irrevocably committed, the deal will

through. While Mr Houghton is taking £13 million in cash, he will invest the rest of the £35 million he will make from the takeover in Reltec shares. He is to join its board and will run all its wireless activities, except those

in North America. Reltec is backed Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the leveraged buyout specialist. It has bought Rainford to help it to develop in "an increasingly global market". The company makes a wide range of telecommunications components and has a service division.

It has sales offices in America. Canada, Mexico, Hong Kong, Singapore, Costa Rica and the UK, with a workforce of about 3,000. Together, the two groups will have an annual turnover of more than £410 million and a "reduced dependence on specific markets and greater access to resources", Reltec said.

Son takes centre stage after major reshuffle at Sun International

Jon Ashworth on the management changes that see

a change of role for Sol Kerzner

ol Kerzner, the South African-born leisure ty-Ocon, has given up dayto-day running of Sun International Hotels, the international gaming resort company. His son, Butch, 32, becomes president of the company, under a wide-rang-

ing corporate reshuffle.
Mr Kerzner, 60, remains chairman and chief executive officer of Sun International from hotels in Mauritius to the Atlantis resort and casino on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. He hopes to devote more time to strategic issues. including planning a \$350 million extension to Atlantis. His latest project, the new \$300 million Mohegan Sun resort in Connecticut, is due to open in October.

Butch Kerzner takes on responsibility for financial, administrative and corporate functions. A former banker with Lazard Fréres in New York, he will work alongside two other senior Sun executives: Kevin DeSanctis, head of North American and Caribbean operations, and Peter Venison, who is responsible for Europe and the Indian

Sun International Hotels has expanded steadily since Sol Kerzner left South Africa for the UK in the 1980s. The company has interests in five hotels on Mauritius, including Le Saint Géran and Le Touessrok, has a resort in the Compres islands, north of Madagascar, and owns four casinos in France. Lately, the focus has switched to America and the Caribbean, where the redevelopment of Paradise Island has proved a



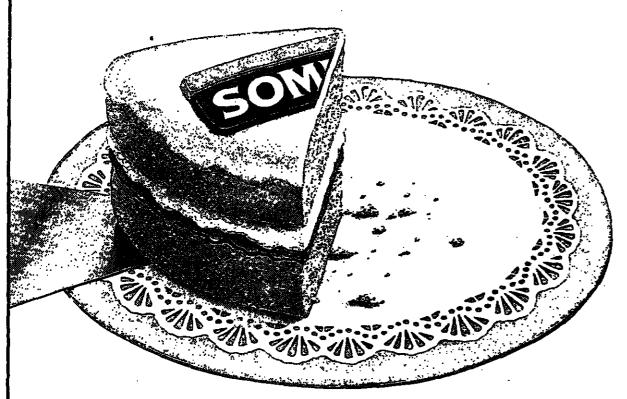
stimulus to foreign investment in the Bahamas. Newcomers include Walt Disney, which had been seeking an island destination for cruiseship passengers. Cruises will theme-park operations.

The son of Russian immigrants, Mr Kerzner built South Africa's first five-star hotel, the Beverly Hills at Umhlanga Rocks, near Durban, in 1964, and went on to transform the country's leisure industry. He opened a string of casinos in the nominal black homelands, and pioneered Sun City in the bushveld to the west of Johannesburg. An extension, The Lost City, opened in 1992. Mr Kerzner has been dogged by allegations that he paid a £500,000 bribe to secure casino rights in the former Transkei homeland. Some ascribe this to the difficulties of doing business

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in parts of Africa. Sun International Hotels was formed in May 1994 as a vehicle for Mr Kerzner's expansion outside South Africa. Backers include Caledonia Investments, associated with the Cayzer shipping family. Sun International Hotels is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and reported net income of \$18.4 million on net revenues of \$215 million last year. The company's market value has grown from \$150 million to \$1.5 billion in the space of two years.

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SE clique is blocking reforms, say MPs

THE London Stock Exchange has allowed itself to be dominated by a clique of members pushing their own short-term interests and blocking reforms, a House of Commons report concluded yesterday.

However, members of the Commons Treasury Select Committee, in their interim report on the future of the Stock Exchange, expressed the hope that "there is still time for the Exchange to reform itself". The MPs, headed by Sir

Tom Arnold, noted with coneern that "a major problem with the London Stock Exchange has been the appearance that the short-term sect-Emal interests of those who work in the market, in particumarket-makers, have

Excalibur slumps to £5.7m loss

EXCALIBUR GROUP. the manufacturer of precision engineering components and supplier of consumer products, in-curred pre-tax losses of £5.7 million in the year to April 30, compared with profits of £2.1 million in the previous year.

Losses included net exceptional charges of £6.3 million against restructuring costs, disposals and writedowns. The operating profits were £852.000 (£1.40 million) and there was a loss of 7.6p a share, compared with earnings of 2.3p. The total dividend is held at 0.75p a share, with a 0.45p final. The company is to be renamed Arabis.

sometimes predominated and blocked necessary changes".

The comminee also expressed concern that the exchange did not appear to be fighting strongly enough to secure London's position at the centre of the 24-hour global trading cycle. The report said: Despite threats from continental exchanges, the London Stock Exchange still appears to have great difficulty in taking a strategic view on important issues and following a coherent policy through to fruition. This is particularly apparent with the plan to introduce orderdriven trading."

The MPs noted strong support for a move to orderdriven trading from sources outside the City, such as BP. The oil company had told the committee: Overseas investors like to deal in a market that is clean, easily understood, visible and liquid. They will avoid a market that is complicated and secretive. Delayed reporting, hidden markets and the expense perceived of the market-makers' spread, all help to turn business away from the London market"

On the basis of BP's statement, the MPs said: "Such evidence reinforces the view that in order to compete effectively for foreign capital, the exchange will need to abandon the market-maker/client method of doing business in the FT-SE 100 shares in favour of a transparent order book."

The Stock Exchange broadly welcomed the report, but rejected the view expressed by the MPs about London's standing against other European exchanges. The exchange said that trading in London and Irish equities last year totalled £646 billion, its highest ever, while trading of foreign equities reached £791 billion, the world's highest total.



Ian Tegner, left, Crest Packaging chairman, and Rodney Webb, managing director

Crest on top of volatile year

CREST PACKAGING, the carton manufacturer, weathered volatility in worldwide pulp prices to lift its pre-tax profits 14 per cent, to £3.2 million, in the year to April 30.

The group was hit by soaring raw material prices in its first half, but recovered margins in the second to lift overall operating profit to £3.3 million (£2.8 million). Both its flexible packaging and carton divisions increased market share. A 2.75p final dividend holds the total at 4.125p although earnings rose to 6.2p a share (5.3p). Crest said its new £3.5 million Cerutti gravure press could lift productivity 30 per

cent in its next financial year.

Manchester to vie for Australian airports

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

group, has emerged as the second British bidder for Australia's airports in a proposed A\$2 billion (E).02 billion) privatisation.

The consortium, which includes Australia's Macquarie Bank, is understood to be analysing four major airports with a view to making a bid this year. The Australian Government is expected to put the Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth airports up for

MANCHESTER AIRPORT, in consortium with Serco, the UK facilities management sold in batches over the next few years. Manchester Airport and

Serco will be competing with BAA, the British airport operator, which aims to buy Australian airports with Australian fund-manager partners.

Chris Bowman, executive director of Serco Asia Pacific. said: "We are very interested in managing Australian airports. We have already got a base in technical operations in Australia."

Bank set to end dilemma over LAL

By Marianne Curphey

LLOYDS Abbey Life's relationship with Lloyds TSB faces a radical reshaping as LAL prepares to unveil its

interim results next week.
Lloyds TSB owns 62.6 per cent of LAL and has been under pressure to resolve the relationship by buying the minority interest or selling part or all of it.

LAL operates Black Horse Financial Services and Lloyds Bank Insurance Services and sells financial products to Lloyds Bank customers. There is considerable overlap between its products and those of TSB. LAL also has a direct-selling insurer, Abbey Life. David Nisbet, a NatWest analyst, believes there would be considerable scope for costcutting if Lloyds TSB bought the minority stake in LAL and restructured the operation.

At Friday's closing price of 529p. Lloyds would have to pay about £1.4 billion for the minority stake in LAL plus a hefty premium. Some of this cost could be offset by selling the Black Horse estate agency chain, and Bowmaker, the

finance house. Alternatively, Abbey Life, the direct sales operation might be sold. A potential bidder would need to offer a high price to replace the cash profits it is generating. Prudential Corporation has been touted as a possible bidder, although it is believed to be more interested in acquiring a building society.

Either way, change could be good news for LAL share-holders, who have had to live with uncertainty over their stock since the merger last December. Shares in LAL rose in anticipation of its results on Wednesday and amid hopes of an increased dividend and more news on

the restructuring talks.

LAL, which is looking to buy a mutual life assurer, is expected to announce a 10 per cent increase in its interim dividend. NatWest Securities has pencilled in a six-month pre-tax profit figure of £215 million, up from £197 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

LIANT NICHO 7

Heywood Williams pays £34m for Mila

HEYWOOD WILLIAMS, the aluminium, plastics and glass products group, has bought Mila, a Danish distribution company, for £34.5 million. The acquisition makes Heywood the UK's market leader in the distribution of plastic window. finings, adding to its Window Ware subsidiary. Mila already generates 70 per cent of its sales from the UK, with 10 per cent coming from Ireland and the rest from Scandinavia and the

Mila's head office is to be moved from Denmark to Daventry, Northamptonshire. In 1995, its sales grew to £41 million, taking profits to £5 million. Its net assets were £13 million. The acquisition, Heywood's largest since 1994, lifts group gearing from 10 per cent to 45 per cent. The group said that this would be reduced by cash generated from existing activities, adding that first-half trading was already ahead.

Shell eyes Ukraine

SHELL OIL may invest up to \$1 billion in gas pipeline and oil drilling projects in Ukraine, the energy adviser to Leonid Kuchma, the Ukrainian President, said yesterday. Volodymyr Ryzhkov said Ukraine would give preference to Shell's proposal to drill for oil in four areas of Ukraine's Black Sea shelf. The company has already won four drilling licences, he said. "Shell will win the right to drill portions of the Black Sea shelf because other Western companies who have expressed interest are not ready for Ukraine," he added.

Radio station sold

INDEPENDENT Radio Group (IRG) has acquired Central Scotland Radio (CSR) from Grampian Television for £5.25 million. CSR, established in 1993, operates Scot FM in central Scotland. In the year to February 29 the business lost £981.000 before tax. To fund the acquisition and further developments IRG is raising E8.7 million through a placing of new shares at 115p each. Existing shares rose lp to 130p yesterday. The company is selling a 20 per cent interest in Q96, which broadcasts in the Scot FM region, for £880,000.

Chesterton buys WML

CHESTERTON International, the property consultancy, has acquired Workplace Management (WML), the principal business of which is the supply of facilities management services to ICL, for £5.2 million. WML employs about 230 staff at 60 ICL sites throughout the UK, with major centres at Manchester and Bracknell. The company is being sold by 3i, the venture capital group, and the family interests of Ken Smith and David Walker, its two executive directors.

Readicut acquisition

READICUT INTERNATIONAL, the manufacturer of specialist textile products, is acquiring Alan Farrow Group, a privately owned supplier of materials and services for the wall coverings industry, for £28.8 million in cash and shares. AFG, which is based in Lancashire, earned operating profits of £4.3 million on sales of £44.5 million in the year to September 30. Readicut said that it would finance the cash element of the purchase price from existing resources. The shares were unchanged at 58p.

ments of London Stock Exchange Limited (the "London Stock Exchange") for the purposes of section 154 of the Financial Services Act 1986. It should be read in conjunction tus have the same manning when used in this notice unless the contact requires otherwise. The Prospectus has been defined to the Register of Companies in London in accordance with section 1.49 of the FSA made in the London Stock Exchange in the whole of the saude ordinary share capital of Somerfield to be admitted to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange. It is expected that admission to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange. It is expected that admission to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange.

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of 300,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each at a price expected to be between 180p and 190p per share payable in full on application, of which a minimum of 60,000,000 Ordinary Shares are being made available to the public and listing on the London Stock Exchange, sponsored by Kleinwort Benson Limited. The principal activity of Somerfield pic and its subsidiaries is food retailing. Copies of the Prospectus and the Mini Prospectus may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays) until 25 July 1996 from:

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GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

1 Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS). 4 Leave Box 4 blank unless you wish to make a tender election. Applications may not be made by anyone aged under 18 (under 20 in Jersey). A parent or guardian of a minor may, however, apply for the benefit of that minor. To do this, you should write your own name and address in Box 1 and put the initials of the minor in the "A/C Designation" section. If you make an application for a child in this way, you may also apply separately for your own benefit. If you are applying for your own benefit please leave the "A/C Designation" section blank. If you are applying on behalf of a partnership, firm, trust, association or other unincorporated organisation, write your name in Box 1, put the initial letters of the organisation's name in the "A/C Designation" section and write the name of the organisation in the first line of the address. If a corporation is applying, the full name of the corporation must be entered as

2 Put in Box 2 (in pounds sterling) the total amount that you wish to invest in Ordinary Shares.

You may only apply to invest for one of the total amounts shown in the table below. Applications to invest any other amount may be rejected. The minimum

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3 Sign and date the Application Form in Box 3.

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If an adult is applying for the benefit of someone under the age of 18 (under 20

If you post your Application Form, you are recommended to use first class post and allow at least two working days for delivery.

Applications to invest an amount above £10,000 must

be in the following denominations:

in Jersey) the adult, rather than the minor, must sign the Application Form, The Application Form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so. In this case, the original of the relevant power of attorney (or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be enclosed. Applications made by corporations, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of other persons, must be signed by a duly authorised official, whose represen-

In order to make a tender election, you must specify in Box 4 the maximum price per Ordinary Share that you wish to pay. Any maximum price specified in Box 4 must be a multiple of 5p (a "Permitted Price"). If you specify any price which is not a multiple of 5p, then you will be deemed to have specific Permitted Price which is both nearest to and lower than that price. In the event that you complete Box 4 and the Offer Price is set at a level above the Permitted Price which you have specified (or are deemed to have specified), you will not be allocated any Ordinary Shares. In the event that the Offer Price is set at a level on or below the Permitted Price you have specified (or are deemed to have specified), you will pay the Offer Price for the Ordinary Shares which are allocated to you.

5 Pin a single cheque or banker's draft to your completed Applica Form. Your cheque or banker's draft must be payable to "Lloyds Bank Pic \sim A/C Somerfield Offer" for the amount payable on application as inserted in Box 2 and should be crossed "A/C Payee". No receipt will be

You may pay for the Ordinary Shares by personal cheque drawn on your bank or building society account. Alternatively, you may use a cheque or banker's draft from your bank or building society (or a personal cheque drawn by someone else) but you must write your full name and address on the back. in each case the cheque must be drawn in sterling and bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand comer. The cheque should not be post-

Any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "A/C Payee" payable to

the person named in Box 1. Linder the provisions of the Money Laundering Regulations 1993 you may be required to produce satisfactory evidence of your identity or the identity of any person on whose behalf you are applying. Failure to do so, if required, may result in rejection of your application or a delay in the issue of a share certificate (and/or a return money cheque) to you (or such person) and/or in your (or such person's) ability to obtain the benefits of ownership of the

Ordinary Shares. If you apply for Ordinary Shares worth more than £11,000 using a cheque or banker's draft drawn on an account which is not in your name, please ask the bank or building society on which it is drawn to enter your name and address

on the back and add its stamp. 6 You may apply to hold the Ordinary Shares jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over (20 or over in Jersey). As joint applicants, they should complete and sign in Box G. Before signing, they should read carefully the declaration in Box 3.

In applying for Ordinary Shares you will be treated as applying on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus and on the terms and conditions contained therein. Before making any application you are recommended to consult an independent financial adviser authorised under the FSA.

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We offer to invest a total amount of: in Ordinary Shares at the Offer Price. PUT THE AMOUNT YOU WISH TO INVEST HERE

I/We make this application for Ordinary Shares in the Retail Offer on and subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Retail Offer set out in the Prospectus relating to Somerfield pic dated 11 July 1996. I/We declare that, to my/our knowledge and belief, this is the only application made

for my/our benefit (or that of any person on whose behalf I am/we are applying) other than any application being made under the arrangements for Eligible Employees of Somerfield pic.

Signature Date

LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK UNLESS YOU WISH TO MAKE THE TENDER

4 VWe elect to tender for Ordinary Shares at a price per Ordinary Share of no greater than

ELECTION. SEE 4 OF THE GUIDE.

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Attach your cheque or banker's draft here with a pin. It should be for the exact amount in Box

2, payable to "Lloyds Bank Pic—A/C Somerfield Offer" and crossed "A/C Payee". ATTACH ONE CHEQUE OR BANKER'S DRAFT ONLY. 6 JOINT APPLICANTS

The first applicant (as shown in Box 1) should complete the boxes above. Other persons applying to hold Ordinary Shares jointly with the first applicant named in Box 1 should complete and sign the box below I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 3. JOINT APPLICANTS

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Delivery of Apolication Form

This completed Application Form together with a cheque or banker's draft for the exact amount payable should either be posted or be delivered by hand to Lloyds Bank Pic, Lloyds Bank Registrars, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL so as to be received not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 24 July 1996

The price range for the Offer (including the Retail Offer) set out in the Prospectus and Mini Prospectus relating to Somerfield pic dated 11 July 1996 is indicative only and the Offer Price may be set outside this range.

Copies of Application Forms are not acceptable. Multiple or suspected multiple applications may be rejected in their entirety. Completed Application Forms and payments must be received by Lloyds Bank Plc, Lloyds Bank Registrars, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL not later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday,

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* MICHAEL CLARK

Shares regain composure to close above 3,700

THE London stock market ended a volatile week on a steady note with investors taking their lead from those economy by Alan Greenspan. chairman of the Federal Reserve, and an 87-point leap overhight in the Dow Jones

However, share prices were unable to hold on to their best levels and by the close had seen their earlier gains halved. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which managed to consolidate its position above the 3,700 level with a rise of 17.1 points at 3,710.5, having been 33.5 higher earli-er in the day. Yesterday's performance enabled the index to reduce its deficit on the

week to just 17.8 points. With Wall Street tumbling another 55 points in early trading ahead of the weekend. both brokers and investors remain worried about short-

term prospects. Many fund managers have liquidated their positions and them to remain flexible during further periods of volatility. It was another day of low turnover, with just 607 million shares changing hands.

Among leading shares, it was the first day of trading for Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance since completion of the £5.4 billion merger between Alliance. The shares started life at 365p and ended the session at 37012 p.

Railtrack made its debut as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index after its privatisation last month. It fought off opposition from the likes of Lucas Industries, up 5p at 22lp, Premier Farnell, up 7p at 630p, Compass, 7p higher at 573p, Securicor, 1p firmer at 260p, and Hays, unchanged at 445p. Railtrack is expected to benefit from the move, attracting the additional support of the index tracking funds. The price finished lp lighter at 2/3p.

Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group, rose 22p to 227p announcing plans to shed its loss-making large The group is to make total provisions of £248 million relating to the disposal.

British Energy rallied to almost match the price at which the shares were floated earlier this week. They fin-ished 312p dearer at 9912p as almost 12 million were traded.



Railtrack shares rose Ip on its debut in the FT-SE 100

British Energy was offered to the public in its partly paid form at 100p and became the first privatisation to end the first day at a discount.

Innovations, the mail order group, enjoyed an early markup on the back of an agreed £45 million bid from Burton. the high street stores group. By the close it was sporting a rise of 101p at 313p. Burton is

final figure from the group of £135 million, have now upped the figure by £10 million to

Greycoat, the property developer, stood out with a rise of 612p at 13912p after James Capel, the broker, waded into the market-place and picked up 3.5 million shares at 140p for cancellation. Greycoat has shareholder approval to buy

NatWest Securities, the broker, says that BAA, up 5p at 500p, did well out of this week's CAA review relating to airport charges. After taking into account the scope for traffic growth, the economy and productivity gains, profit upgrades are expected. NatWest says that the shares look cheap and could touch 550p.

offering 2.15 of its own shares for every Innovations share, valuing the deal at 310p a share. Burton, which says the acquisition will speed up its move into home shopping. rose 64p to 1514p as brokers began upgrading their profit numbers after the group gave a bullish trading update. Sales in the 19 weeks to July rose 8.5 per cent, accompanied by a 2.1 per cent improvement in gross margins. Brokers like UBS. which had been looking for a

back up to 5 per cent of the issued share capital. By the close 7.28 million shares had changed hands.

Lloyds Chemists rose on to 481p after the Government cleared the way for UniChem the pharmaceutical distributor, and Gehe, the German group, to relaunch their bids for the company, subject to certain conditions. UniChem would have to sell six wholesale units and Gehe has also given undertakings to make

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disposals. When the bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission earlier this year Gehe had an offer of 500p a share on the table, valuing the business at £650 million. This topped a previous offer from UniChem. down 4p at 263p. Lloyds has issued a profits warning. Southern Water responded

with a rise of 28p to £10.54 on the news that Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade. will not refer the bid from Scottish Power to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Scottish has agreed to address any regulatory con-

Its offer of £10.50 a share valued Southern at £1.65 billion and topped a similar offer from Southern Electric, 30 dearer at 658p. Scottish Power firmed 1p to 315p.

News of an agreed £80 million bid from the US group Reltec lifted Rainford, the electrical equipment group, 20p to 335p., Terms of the all-cash deal value Rainford at 335p a share.

After the terms had been announced Reltec dived into the market-place, picking up a total of 1.1 million shares, or almost 5 per cent of the equity. Combined with acceptances of 47.2 per cent already given by Rainford this means it now speaks for 51.8 per cent of the

company.

Excalibor slipped lp to 18p after the group plunged into the red with losses of £5.7 million against a surplus last time of £2.1 million.

☐ GILT-EDGED: An uninspiring performance left prices nursing small losses on the day as the bond market limped towards the end of a Much of the session saw

London tracking US treasury bonds and German bunds without obtaining any In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt

finished E18 lower at E1061316

in thin trading that saw 20,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £1326 at £98532, while at the cent 2000 was £132 easier at E103316.

□ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street dipped in what analysts called consolidation midday the Dow Jones indus trial average was 27.37 points lower at 5,436.81.

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

TEMPUS Cutting the parson's nose ROLLS-ROYCE is finally getting rid of the old banger. The aero-engines group paid £304 million for Northern Engineering Industries at a time when Rolls was desperate to acquire a stream of profits that would keep it going during an aerospace downturn. Bits of NEI are making money, the Rolls industrial division made £52 million last year from a range of extraneous businesses, including switchgear for transformers and substations and materials-handling equipment. However, Parsons, the large steam-driven generators business, and International Combustion lost £20 million last year. The problem is the perennial headache that has dogged Rolls, of being a company that is big.

mens in an oversupplied industry, in which mere equipment makers have little edge when customers want project management on a

grand scale. Rolls is right to shed Parsons, but the total write-off of £248 million will come close to the price originally paid for NEI. More important is the cash drain of £20 million a year, a sum that Rolls could ill afford to fritter away, given the investment demands of aerospace.

Rolls investors have waited long to see the investment in the Trent jet engine pay off. Recent airline contracts have raised hopes, but there is concern that Rolls's margins are not as solid as one might hope. In the circumstances. the £70 million cost of shutting Parsons - the likely outcome — is a blow to those waiting patiently for profits. Less patience from Rolls might have left investors better off.

Burton Group

but not quite big enough for all the markets it

would like to serve. Parsons could not

compete with GEC-Alsthom, ABB and Sie-

FASHION retailing is becoming a winner-takes-all game, and fortunately for Burton there are good rea-sons to back its hand. The sales picture has improved since May, when sales were up 5.7 per cent and gross margins were ahead by 1.8 per cent. Yesterday's trading figures showed an 8.5 per cent sales gain with margins up 2.1 per cent.

Equally important is Burton's leap into a new growth market with Innovations. The attraction of direct selling to customers through catalogues has been amply demonstrated by Next. The latter uses its Directory business effectively to test market new ranges at low cost. With its six high street chains including Top Shop, Doro-thy Perkins, Evans and Principles - Burton has enough brands to fill catalogues, and around five million names already on its list from its store card programme.

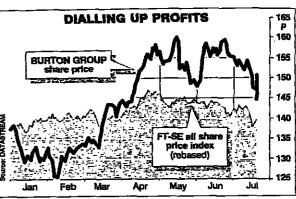
Innovations brings a further five million customers from its catalogues, together with the infrastructure and

mail order knowhow that should kick-start Burton into the home shopping market. Burton is not looking par-

this retail recovery is a selective affair and investors need to trim their portfolios of dross. At least one giant of the home shopping sector will be disappointed by Burton's acquisition of lanovations, which is at least one good reason to switch to

ticularly cheap at 23 times

current-year earnings but



Rainford

NEWS of a premium pay-off for Rainford investors had the effect of a bee sting on the share price of Vero, another manufacturer of cabinets for telecommunications equipment. Vero's share price gained 9p to 220p as the fortunate Rainford shareholders pocketed a 65p gain on their investment of 270p in April last year.

Unfortunately, the story has been less glorious for Vero investors, and there are still doubts that the company will acquire the growth cachet of its cousin. Floated at 220p seven months after Rainford, Vero's share price quickly gained 25 per cent only to fall back sharply below the issue growth prospects

Vero has not slipped up animal to Rainford. The latter has a niche product: specialist cabinets for mobile phone sub-stations. These are cleverly designed to

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maintain a constant temperature environment, Rainford's growth was closely linked to its relationship with Nokia, the Finnish mobile phone company. Vero makes cabinets for

older generation analogue switching equipment as well as racks and power supplies for computer network systems. It has a more broadly based and less risky business than Rainford, but its lack of a digital cabinet makes it unable to piggyback on the growth of Ericsson and Nokia. The company is developing a digital product. Should it succeed, it could quickly become a tempting morsel for a larger supplier of widgets to the telecoms industry. Until then, there is little

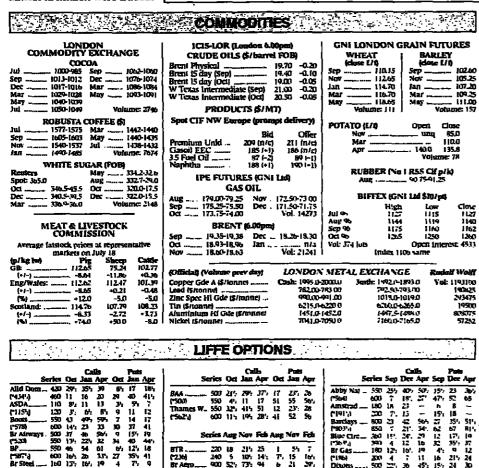
Greycoat ed with companies desperate to expand their balance sheets at almost any cost, so it is cheering to see a management that has the courage to shrink the asset base, when appropriate.

Greycoat is not the first property company to buy back its shares: Raglan launched a share buyback programme earlier this year. But there is a curious reluctance in the real estate fraternity to use share buybacks as a means of gearing the bal-ance sheet, while at the same time returning cash to shareholders.

Part of the problem is tax: share buybacks are classified as distributions and can therefore be liable to ACT. Greycoat, which boosted its net asset value by Ip after yesterday's buy-in, had the advantage of tax losses to shelter its programme. Nevertheless. companies, such as Slough Estates and Land Securities, might consider such a move. There is no glory in a big balance sheet if the assets are showing nil growth.

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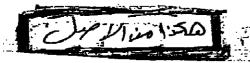
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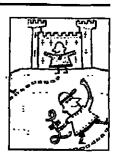
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The background to the life insurers' big giveaway



Karen Zagor explains why UK shares followed the roller coaster week on Wall Street and forecasts the outlook for British Gas

Investors hit by special relationship

that proved that when Street sneezes. London catches cold, it was this week. UK equities dutifully followed Monday's sell-off on Wall Street by reaching uncomfortable lows on Tuesday, and for most of the week the City wavered between reacting directly to news from the US and waiting to see what our American cousins would do.

For investors watching the value of their portfolios fall, the special relationship in the equity market is disquieting. One leading broker noted that private investors were among those selling shares when the FT-SE 100 plunged more than 85 points on Tuesday, before recovering somewhat to end the day 66 points lower.

Yet Wall Street, which had plummeted 161 points the previous day, was moving for its own, domestic reasons. Justin Urquhart Stewart, a director of Barclays stockbrokers, said: "We knew New York was going to correct, and there may be further corrections in the future. But we hadn't gone up as far as New York so we did not need to react so dramatically. If there's a wave on Wall Street, we should have a ripple. There's no reason for us to have a wave as well."

So why does Wall Street have such a strong impact on markets in the United Kingties strategist at Kleinwort Benson said: There is certainly a history of correlation between the United States and British equity markets.

One reason we've been linked to the United States. through time, is that the US has been the largest stock market, and it is certainly the biggest financial bond market. Also, about half of FT-SE earnings are dollar related. Traditionally, a lot of UK companies, particularly the big, international consumer companies, have done business in the US while others have bought into the US."

r Urquhart Stewart agrees. "As far as Britain is conis concerned, we tend to face America more than Europe. Our European businesses are growing, but we have a bigger presence in the United States."

Companies such as BTR, BAT, Hanson, Unilever and GrandMet have significant American assets. These are big companies with more shares. in play than their smaller counterparts, so when their shares move, they have a disproportionate effect on the market indices. In addition, shares in a

number of the large, UK com-panies are traded in the US in ADR (American Depository Receipt) form, and any massive movement in the ADR : bound to

on the share price in Britain There is also the psychological factor. Sometimes market movements seem completely irrational and have more to do with sentiment than any concrete news.

Mr Urquhart Stewart added: "If one market is weak, out of safety the other markets will react and so will fund mangers who are running international books. So there will usually be some linkage between international markets."

But there are reasons why the UK should not be quite so quick to mirror the move-ments of the US. To start, one of the reasons for the recent US bloodbath was concern about the performance of the technology sector.
The UK does not have a

technology sector, as such. In addition, there is growing fear in the US that the money from mutual funds, which has been supporting the stock market, is no longer flowing as vigorously into the market.

Mr Isherwood pointed out: The flow of funds is different in the UK. Fund managers and institutions have been funnelling funds into overseas equities and bonds for some

"In the US, there is also concern about changing rates. in the UK market we're already discounting an upwards move in base rates. I actually think that UK equities look



Mrs Merton, star of two British Gas Home Energy commercials, may be sitting pretty, but have British Gas's small shareholders been left out in the cold?

Should Sid stick with his old flame?

Dity poor Sid, the punter who bought into the British Gas privatisation in 1986. Given the announce its final ruling on pricing, which will recent, appalling performance of the shares, he might have been better off leaving his money in the building society (Karen Zagor writes).

Anyone who had any doubt about the wisdom of a gas investment will have received cold comfort. from Sir Denis Rooke, British Gas former chairman, who this week said the company's two million shareholders had been "conned because people have moved away from the prospectus a great deal and nothing has every been done and

there has not even heen any real explanation."

Analysts blame the tough regulatory regime, which has cut into British Gas profits growth and impaired its dividend ability. It is unclear how investors will benefit from the company's decision to solit into two businesses — TransCo and British Gas Energy. For shareholders, the decision to sell now or wait may become easier after next week, shape the company's future performance. But if British Gas does not accept the final offer, the issue could drag out another year.

■ How have the shares fared since 1986? At the launch, they were 135p. At the current 185p anyone who bought would have seen an average growth of 3.4 per cent a year - significantly lower than the FT-SE All Share 9 per cent a year in the same period. The price peaked at 357.50p in January 1994.

How high are the dividends? In the early days, there was a generous 4p a share payment. Now, the dividend has been frozen for three years at 8.1p and it may be reduced.

■ Why has life been so tough for British Gas? Investors could not have foreseen the power of Ofgas. But moves to make gas more competitive have taken a big bite out of profits.

What about the demerger?
Next year. British Gas will be split. British Gas
Energy will carry most of the liabilities. TransCo International, the shipping and production arm, will contain traditional money-spinners. However, until pricing is fixed it is impossible to forecast TransCo's future earning or dividend power.

■ What does the market expect of British Gas? With the opening up of the domestic gas market. British Gas will continue to face a tough time. Andrew Couch, of Guinness Flight, said: "The shares won't move much outside the 170p-195p range until the pricing issue is resolved." But since the shares now take account of the increased competition to come in the new year, any good news from Ofgas should boost the price.

Bad timing generates fallout for British Energy flotation

The timing of British Energy's announcement that it intended to shut two generators at two of its eight power stations could not have been worse, (Caroline Merrell writes). Although the power genera-

tor announced on July 4 that it had found a cracked weld at Hinckley Point B, it waited until July 10, after the public offer had closed, to reveal that this would mean the immediate shutdown of identical reac-tors to check for the same fault. British Energy's profits are highly sensitive to stoppages in supply.
If the 600,000 investors had

been armed with this knowledge earlier, some may have chosen not to invest. The



shutdown helped British Energy to become the first privatised company to fall to a discount on the offer price since the sale of BP in 1987. falling from 100p to around 94p in the first week, with 163 million of the 700 million shares changing hands in the first day. The price fell in spite ofBZW, the Government's broker, stemming the losses. BroBut the company said it acted as soon as it was able. It said: These events occur from time to time and allowances are built in.

Fraser McLaren, Greig Middleton investment analyst, said: "We believe the share at this price is undervalued. We think the true value is about 250p. We are not adjusting our figures yet."

Other analysts believe the closures underline the potential volatility of the share. Philip Epsley, of Albert E Sharpe, said: "The poor start has been bad for confidence. It shows the high risk nature of the company." He said the share would have to fall to 83p

year's dividend. He and others believe general choppy market conditions had a big impact on the first day.

Stock market jitters have also been touted as the reason for downbeat assessments of the future performance of Somerfield, the supermarket group, which is being floated. The share price of the company is estimated at about 180p-190p. Analysts believe the group will find it hard to expand in a market which already has huge competition.

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ittle shadow has been cast by the Weinberg report on private share ownership. The independent committee was commissioned by the Stock Exchange in a fit of guilt after it changed the rules to allow all companies to float without offering shares to the public-But neither the exchange, nor the committee, necessarily thought there was much of a problem to be solved. The report implies that the exchange

was a mite precipitate, but that the trebling of share ownership through privatisation is pretty healthy anyway. It will automatically reach a new peak next year when top building societies convert. Efforts are being made to look after existing investors interests but new post-privatisation, post-welfare generations need to be educated in the virtues of investing in equities. From between the lines, however, a

basic unresolved conflict seeps out. On the one hand, small investors are a jolly good thing. They provide capital for industry, liquidity for the stock market and help to create a wider understanding, particularly among employees, of the importance of a company's success". On the other hand, they are an uneconomic nuisance. Most of British industry is being run for cash at minimum cost. The last thing it needs is an expensive form of capital in penny packets with maximum hassle.

The actions of the market are speaking louder than the worthy sentiments. The exchange eased listing rules to encourage more companies to join at lower cost. ProShare is battling against the tide to secure full rights for



shareholders corralled into nominee holdings. Small investors in British Energy had to accept a "fair" market price set by institutional investors, only to be left with most of a pig in a poke. As Sir Mark Weinberg and some of his committee are well aware, you can invest in equities just as easily through anonymous, well-marketed trusts. These are clearly economic for the 80 per

cent of portfolios under £5,000. If share ownership aimed to identify people with the aims of industry, it failed. Most own only privatised utilities, the focus of media opprobrium and political attack. Small investors may suspect they are paid lip service only for political reasons. If the shareholder interest numbers ten million, it is harder to attack than a small, wealthy minority. Even if that were so, companies, the Exchange and policymakers need to resolve the conflict if individual shareholding is to flourish post privatisation.

Small investors tend to buy new

issues and be net sellers of "second hand" shares. Public offers are advertised. They can be bought without without the perceived hassle of using an intermediary. The privatisation programme's success depended on that and provided a guide for the future.

If the traditional public offer is uneconomic, new forms should be developed that are equally cheap and easy for investors. Rights issues dilute private shareholding. The debate over their future is complex. But perhaps firms should be able to make secondary issues via share shops, or market other securities tailored to small investors.

mail holdings, those of £1-3,000 at least, could be made more economic for companies. Government could offer corporation tax incentives to entice more individual holders with full rights onto share registers. It would be better if companies turned their private shareholders into an affinity group - owners rather than mere capital providers - and made their register a profit-earner. More companies could promote single-company Peps. They certainly should not load the cost of small holdings on to

retail brokers, who must pass it on. The Stock Exchange should now set up a separate "local" list of smaller companies and others that genuinely wished to attract small investors. The local market would have rules friendlier to small investors. If not, statute will be needed to restore small shareholders' rights, however costly that might be.

Pension payout blocked for want of a piece of paper

Caroline Merrell says a marriage certificate suddenly becomes very

important when a partner dies

The increasing number of couples who choose co-habitation over marriage may be giving up far more than the opportunity to buy a nice frock and spend a large sum on a party and a holiday. Although live in lovers may believe that their relationship is the equivalent of a marriage, they may dis-cover too late that they do not have the same rights as husbands and wives, especially when it comes to pensions. According to the latest sta-

tistics, 380,000 couples in this country choose to live together rather than to marry. Many of those who shun marriage also choose to have children. In 1994, of 215,000 children born outside marriage, 124.000 were born to cohabiting couples. But most public-sector and private-sector pensions do not give cohabiting scheme members the same rights as those who are married.

Spouses of most private-sector and public-sector scheme members benefit from a reduced pension if the member dies. The widow or widower's pension is usually half the total pension, although some schemes pay two-thirds.

Those who live with their partner are unlikely to enjoy the same rights. A National Association of Pension Funds survey found 79 per cent of publicsector schemes and 28 per cent of private-sector schemes never provided the equivalent of a widow's or widower's pension to cohabitees. Public-sector schemes represent 85 per cent of the workforce, while the private-sector schemes represent

15 per cent. One who has suffered because of what he believes is the former partner's pension scheme is Paul Gerber, of Ffairal, Llandeilo, near Carmarthen. Dodie Garson, his girlfriend of 10 years, died last year of cancer. She had worked for the local authority as a community worker, among other things, for about 15 years, and had contributed to the local authority pension scheme. Mr Gerber and Ms Garson had two children together, now aged five and seven. After the death of his partner, Mr Gerber, a project manager with the NSPCC. had to take seven months off work to sort out his affairs and give his children the attention he felt they needed.

f the couple had been married, Mr Gerber would have benefited from the widower's pension offered by the local authority scheme. "It seems very unfair to be excluded from the pension," he said. "We shared a mortgage, and the responsibility of children. I spoke to an officer at the local authority, who was very helpful but very clear about the scheme rules. I have appealed over the decision."

Public-sector schemes are those run for local government, the Civil Service, the National Health Service and teachers. All would have treated Mr Gerber the same way.

Barry Fawcett, head of pensions in the National Union of Teachers, said: "It is a problem over which we are lobbying the Government." The NUT has contributed to the findings of a TUC working party report on the issue of dependants' pensions. The report argues that those who cohabit should have the same rights as those who are mar-



Equal in life, not so in death: Paul Gerber, with daughter Lauren and son Adam, needs the pension his partner paid into for 15 years

ried. The Government has so far been reluctant to grant dependents the same rights. Mr Fawcett is baffled by its reluctance. He said: "Privatesector schemes have made a lot progress in this regard. Many have altered the rules of

their schemes, which suggests

it does not cost all that much. "The issue of the publicsector scheme is very much in the Government's court," he added. The union expects the Government to respond before the end of the year. Joanne Segars, TUC pensions officer, said: "We have been campaigning on this point for several years. We think the costs of granting this concession have been overestimated by the Government." She added it would take an Act of Parliament to

the private-sector schemes have a far more flexible attitude. For example, British Telecom, with more than 126,000 members in its pension scheme, will treat unmarried and married couples in a fairly similar way. BT said: "If the couple has

been living together for five years or more, we would assume their finances were entwined and they were interdependent. We would pay the equivalent of a widow's pension to the surviving partner, even if the couple were of the same sex. If the couple had been together for less than five years, we would look for clear

fore paying the pension." British Airways has also recently changed the rules of its pension scheme so that married and non-married couples

n estimated 200,000

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order to help private- sector pension schemes to adopt a more flexible attitude, the Inland Revenue last month clarified the definition of the word

The rules now say: "An unmarried partner, whether of the same or opposite sex, can qualify for the survivors' pension if they are deemed to be depensigns of interdependency, bedent on the employee. Financial interdependence would be an acceptable criterion, eg, where the partner relied on the second income to maintain a standard of living which had depended

cards give customers more peace of mind, research shows

photo identification has had

minimal impact on the reduc-

tion of card fraud. This fell

from £165 million in 1992 to

£83.3 million fast year, but

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A QUESTION OF MONEY

In or out? Solving the mysteries of pension schemes

people belong. through present or former companies, to occupational pension schemes. However, for the vast majority of those who participate in such company schemes, the exact nature of what their plans offer remains a complete mystery.

Their opaque nature is not helped by the fact that the pensions industry likes to use the most complicated jargon it possibly can to describe how the schemes work. Here, The Times tries to answer some basic questions about how company schemes work.

What are the basic Q types of company

A Company pensions are either based on your salary during the final year of employment or are based on the contributions you and your employer put

A final salary scheme is defined by the benefits it provides, up to a maximum of two-thirds of final salary. The amount that is contributed by the employer and the employee to produce the benefits, depends on how the particular scheme is

organised. More than 50 per cent of all company schemes are final-salary schemes, although this percentage is falling because some penscheme managers claim that they will be unable to continue to provide the guaranteed bene-

money-purchase scheme, as its name suggests, is where the benefits provided by the pension scheme are linked to the investment performance of the combined contributions made by the employee and the employer. Again, a money-purchase scheme is subject to the Inland Revenue limits of two-thirds of final salary. The amount of pension received will be linked to the level of annuity that can be purchased using the mature pension fund.

pension schemes re-How do company late to the state earnings

Company pension A schemes can be contracted in or contracted out of Serps. A contracted-in scheme means that the employee will get a Serps pension on top of the pension he or she receives from

their employer. The level of pension a person receives from the State is linked to the level of National Insurance contributions the individual has made over their lifetime.

A contracted-out scheme means that the employer will put more money into the pension scheme on the employee's behalf. The employer and the employee

will pay less in National Insurance contributions as

Individual scheme members can opt to contract in or to contract out of Serps on their own behalf, regardless of their particular scheme. The decision about

should be contracted in or contracted out, depends on the age of the member because the level of rebate changes with age. How can individual

members contract out of Serps on their own behalf?

A It is possible for indi-viduals to contract out of Serps using a rebate-only personal pension, which is offered by most insurance companies.

Are there any other Are mere any one, issues members should consider in their decision about whether to contract in or to contract out of Serps?

A Changes introduced in this year's Pension Act mean that contractedout money purchase schemes (Comps) may not be so viable.

Sun Life has written to the trustees of 340 company pension schemes, with a total of 20,000 members, to give them warning that it is no longer cost-effective for schemes to be contracted out of the state earnings related pension scheme.

The warning comes in the wake of changes introduced in this year's Pension Act, which mean that from next April, the Serps rebate paid by the Department of Social Security will be much more expensive to collect and will be less than it has been in previous years.

The new rules will affect all contracted-out money purchase schemes and it is likely that other insurance companies will be writing to trustees to alert them to the changes.

Sun Life, which was one of the biggest providers of contracted-out money purchase schemes, has decided to withdraw from the market altogether.

Paul Smith, Sun Life business development man ager, said: "From next year, scheme members who need to be contracted out of Serps should do so using a personal pension."

Mr Smith believes that the company schemes would, with the contracting out rebate, have to produce an 11 per cent a year better return, on average, for them to be equivalent to a personal pension.

However, other pension companies do not agree with Sun Life's analysis of the figures and believe that contracted-out money purchase schemes are still

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Britannia's wavy rules on loyalty bonuses



The Britannia Building Society is busy mailing its 1.6 million members details of its loyalty bonus scheme, which is intended to convince them that they are better off remaining members of a mutual building society than being taken over or

converting to a bank. But members will take some persuading. For one thing, the scheme seems unnecessarily complicated in view of the relatively small amounts of money at stake. You get points for holding Britannia Life life policies, pensions and investments,

pending on how much you have invested. To work out your bonus, you add your points together and multiply by 20p. Longstanding members of the society earn extra points. If you have managed to get this far, your patience will be rewarded by the discovery that you qualify for a loyalty bonus of a maximum

You will, however, also discover, as Weekend Money reader Thomas Fletcher did that the scheme is constructed so that borrowers can amass points to earn the £500 maximum more easily than savers, even if the latter have large halances.

of £500.

Mr Fletcher points out that anyone with monthly mortgage payments of £500 or more will immediately earn 500 points. Under the scheme, one point is awarded for each £1 of monthly mortgage pay-ment due, based on a monthly

savings and mortgages. Each average over the year. At earns a different amount decurrent interest rates, you need a mortgage of about £85,000 to have monthly payments of £500. The 500 points awarded will translate into a

But the structure for savers is different. The maximum balance that will earn bonuses is £20,000. Points are built up at one point per £100 invested. be closed. Britannia Building Society has tested my loyalty Mr Fletcher has been with

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which would give him half as many points again, making a bonus of £120. But a borrower in the same position would stili get £150. Britannia said: "We are trying to calculate the

Is Britannia more interested in its loval borrowers than loval savers?

On £20,000, you will earn a maximum of 200 points. This will translate into a bonus of just £80. This has enfuriated savers with balances above E20,000, who. until recently, included Mr Fletcher. He says: "As far as this particular saver is concerned, my reaction has been to reduce my balance to £20,000 and once 1 have received my first year

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the society. We feel savers with large balances have already got value because they have got, and will get, preferential rates on their savings." Savers may find this argument hard to appreciate, given the low rates of recent years. Cynics could say Brit-

will suffer a loss of identity after the merger with Abbey National on August 5. N&P has sent a letter to its Visacard holders informing them that their existing photocards will be withdrawn and replaced with a cheaper version without the added security of either a photograph or embossed signature. This news has angered many N&P customers who had felt reassured that it was doing something positive to combat card fraud. National & Provincial said

many people had chosen its credit card on this basis in the three years since its introduction, in May 1993. Although N&P customers can continue to use their present cards, after renewal they must switch to Abbey's. "Abbey National has already launched its cards and has no plans to include photos on them," N&P said. However, although photo-

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Spring clean leaves stains

days, there has been some spring cleaning at the investor watchdogs. But officials have not been busy enough with their mops and dusters.

It is certainly good news that the Personal Investment Authority, the body responsible for ensuring best behaviour among insurers and advisers, plans to regulate long-term care schemes. To date, this kind of cover which pays out if you need residential care in old age, has been outside the PIA's watchful eye. Weekend Money pointed the considerable risks in allowing such a lucrative market to develop without restriction.

The PIA's action on longterm care may avert a crisis similar to the personal pensions scandal. However, the PIA's progress in resolving the pensions affair, a large stain on the insurance indusrry's record, still leaves much to be desired.

This week, the Trades Union Congress published Justice Delayed which detailing the continuing delays in compensating those wrongly advised to reject company schemes, with good benefits.



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in favour of poor value personal pensions. The examples highlighted include ulder people who are supposed to be priority cases, but who have yet to receive redress for their losses.

The PIA should immed-iately stop talking tough and start using its muscle against the culprits. Pressure should also come from those groups. like Barclays Life, that have taken their compensation duties seriously. One possible sanction

against the dilatory could be to deny them licences to sell long term care insurance. For those who were happy to sell inferior pensions, condemning thousands to a penurious retirement and now refusing to make amends are certainly not fit to have further involvement in the welfare of the

Sound of silence

THE Halifax Building Society has now explained why its conversion is taking so long. Many of its nine million members, agog for their free shares, have wondered how a wait of 31 months could be warranted.

Their cash has been locked up in the society since Nov-ember 25, 1994, when merger and conversion plans were revealed. But the stock market flotation will not take place until June, 1997.

In a booklet to be sent to the Halifax faithful this week, Mike Blackburn, Halifax's chief executive, acknowledges the criticism and puts the blame on the problems involved in bringing together the leviathan member databases of the Leeds and the Halifax. Cleverly Mr

tue out of necessity. The Halifax, he explains, is eager to ensure that as many savers as possible benefit from the additional variable share distribution reserved for those with balances of E1,000 plus.

Only savers who have been with the society for at least two years prior to the all important qualifying date can participate in this distribution. The qualifying date now been set at 31 December 1996, allowing thousands more savers than was origi-nally anticipated to benefit.

To its credit, the Halifax is. at least, attempting to keep its savers and borrowers in-

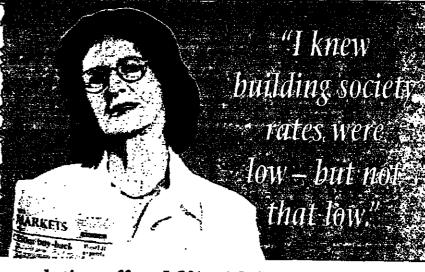
This is in marked contrast to the Alliance & Leicester which aims to reach the stock market in April 1997, but has said next-to-nothing about its

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pared to use any tool at hand, including astrology, to make their cash piles grow. The latest such fad comes from Thornton which plans to launch an investment trust that will build its portfolio of UK smaller companies using the American "Momentum" technique of share picking. William H. "Beau" Duncan Jr, founder

and chief executive of Duncan-Hurst Capital Management, a Californian manager that looks after more than \$1 billion, writing in the Global Guide to Investing, explains the theory of momenturn investing as "similar to one of Newton's Laws which states that once an object is set in motion it stays in motion until stopped, and when an object is stationary, it tends to remain that way until something moves it."

Mr Duncan continues: "In a similar fashion, a corporation having fundamental problems will probably continue with



those problems longer than expected, and a corporation which has experienced faster growth will probably continue that rapid growth longer than expected. Whatever the factors causing the change in corporate momentum - changes in management, new products, changes in competition, those factors will remain in effect longer than expected."

Thornton, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dresdner Bank, says its Momentum trust "will initially invest in those stocks in the FT-SE Small Cap index which fall within the top half of the consenus

dent Brokers Estimates Service for the three months prior to investment.

After the first three months of the company's operations, a quarter of the portfolio will be sold and re-invested in the stocks which at that time are within the top half of the upgrades. After six months a third of the remaining original portfolio will be sold and reinvested in the same way; after nine months one half of the remaining original portfolio will be sold and reinvested ... the turnover of the company's entire portfolio during a year could therefore be less than, but will in any event not exceed, 100 per cent."

Momentum as an investment tool is no better or worse than any other. But as one adviser noted: "If it was the ultimate investment panacea we would all have been doing it years ago."

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Coin fraudster jailed for six years slabs after grading by one of

seven-year fraud first finally ended in Snaresbrook Crown Court. East London, last Friday when Nigel Goldman, former chairman of Rare Coin Investments, was jalled for six years. Goldman had defrauded up to 100 investors, who parted with an estimated total of £700,000 for portfolios of supposedly rare coins. These later turned out to be almost worthless, or

non-existent. Goldman's activities were first highlighted by The Times in November 1991, in an article warning potential investors to treat with caution his claim that a rare coins portfolio would "significantly outper-form most traditional investment schemes". Goldman promised a "high profit, lowrisk investment" in advertisements that included performance graphs which purported to show that £1,000

Sara McConnell on a seven-year scam for supposedly rare coins

turn into £11,000 ten years later, compared with £5,000 in a "selected" performing investment trust and £4,000 in an these are worth significantly less than Goldman claimed. average performing trust". Claims were based only They were sealed into plastic

on RCI's own statistics. Some investors put tens of thousands of pounds into the coins. They were then per-suaded over the telephone to buy more. Eighteen months after The Times first investigated Goldman's activities, Rare Coin Investments went into receivership. Coins as an investment are not covered by the Financial Services Act, so investors cannot claim under the Investors Compensation

Police have spent this week contacting 47 of the investors tation. About half of these never got the coins they paid for. Others did have coins but

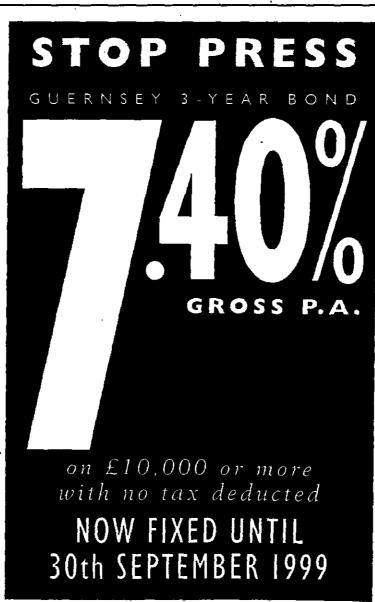
two American grading houses. the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) or the Numismatic Guarantee Corporation.

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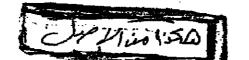
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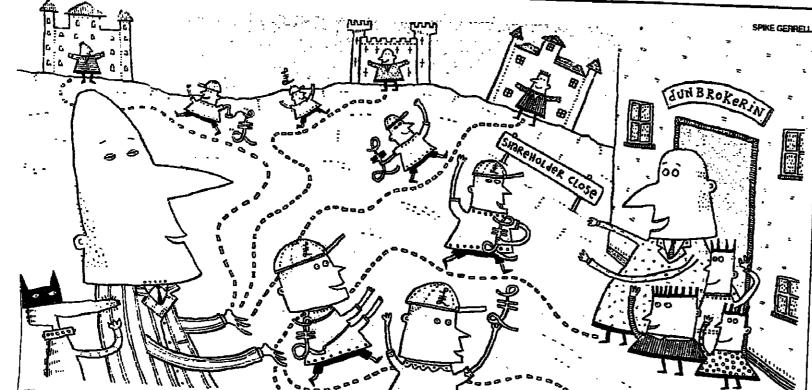
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Orphans going into new care

try has been buzzing this week with talk of prphan" assets and big payouts for policyholders and shareholders. The giant insurer Pearl announced it was edistributing almost El bilon and Reluge is believed to be close to announcing a pumper payout. But what does his mean, and how will it ænefit you?

Vhat are orphan assets? They are a sum of money in the life fund which is more than that needed to meet "the reasonable demand of policyholders". In effect, this means the amount policyholders can expect from their annual bonuses, plus enough to cover more than adequately future payouts if the fund goes through some lean years.

A real

These assets have built up over decades because the past profits from investment have exceeded the actual payouts given to policyholders, often because actuaries have been extremely prudent when setting the levels to be paid out. They have also accrued because the maximum management ee has not always been charged to the life fund. In the eafly years of a fund shareholders often left in their entitlements to allow the fund

Marianne Curphey on the background and benefits of the big life insurers' assets giveaway

Why are they so important? If orphan assets are discovered and redistributed they can provide large special bonuses or dividends for shareholders in the company. Policyholders may also benefit, although this differs from one insurer to another. Often the insurer will pay an extra sum to policyholders as a gesture of goodwill. This happened in the case of Legal & General, which originally omitted with-profits policyholders from its plans to redistribute surplus funds. They eventually shared in a El60 million special payout earlier this year

Has anyone else benefited from them so far? The issue first arose in 1992, when London & Manchester won approval from the Department of Trade and Industry, which regulates insurance companies, to redistribute surplus funds. United Friendly also was allowed to give away E275 million of a £2 billion life fund to shareholders.

Are any other companies looking at redistribution?

Pearl Assurance, another life company, has announced that shareholders will receive a payout of nearly £1 billion from the surplus in its life fund. With-profits policyhold-ers will share in a £315 million special bonus "as a goodwill gesture". Meanwhile, Refuge believed to be a matter of months away from announcing that the DTI has approved its plans to redistribute up to £650 million from its life fund. Britannic hopes to have word from the DTI by the end of the year on whether its estimated El.2 billion surplus can be given away.

Who else might be on the list? Royal London and Weselyan, both mutual societies, are also likely to pay out a special bonus from their life funds, according to Securitised Endowment Contracts, a company which analyses life

about it?

How does a company go The company appoints an actuary to investigate whether orphan assets might be avail-

£6,000, for example, will have an extra £246 added to the been established, the insurer contacts the DTI and discuspolicy this year.

sions begin. The DTI and an And as a shareholder? independent actuary look into the structure of the company

Shareholders have enjoyed extremely generous payouts in carefully and examine records going back many decades. Often the issue takes months the past. This is why all the quoted life insurers thought to have orphan assets have been popular with City investors and their share price has been rising steadily. After Pearl's announcement, shares in Britannic, Refuge and United

> Is it worth buying a policy in the hope of earning a payout? In most cases, the payouts are not large enough to justify committing yourself to a 25year savings plan in the hope of earning a few hundred pounds in a bonus.

allowed to withdraw it or enjoy it until the policy has matured. During the life of the policy it will grow and build up interest. A payout will not be available if the policy has matured a few days before the

on the type of policy held, but a customer with a 25-year en-dowment policy started in Name 1975, with a sum assured of

Friendly all rose.

And the shares? Most in the City feel that the good news about orphan assets is already factored into the price. This means that traders have bought up the shares in anticipation of a bumper dividend. There may, however, still be some room for the shares to move upwards, but in the stock market, nothing is

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cent. The interest will be taxed, until the savers have made up their mind. Other societies will tend to

put the matured funds on their instant access rate. For example. Nationwide would · move the money in to its Cash Builder account, which pays 3.6 per cent for a balance of £13,000. Woolwich customers' maturing funds would be put on to Prime Gold instant access account, which pays

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The distribution depends on

whether the DTI agrees with

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who is entitled to which part of

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terminal bonus of the policy.

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Moneyfacts, the savings guide, recommends Tessas from the Northern Rock, Birmingham Midshires and C&G as among the best for those with maturing Tessas looking for a variable rate. Yorkshire, Natwest and Birmingham Midshires offer

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☐ Lloyds Bank has published its tax guide for 1996-97 which covers the new regulations for this tax year. It outlines how the tax system works, describes the changes in the last Budget, explains how the family is taxed, how your income from work is treated. and how your money is taxed if invested. It also gives advice on inheritance and capital

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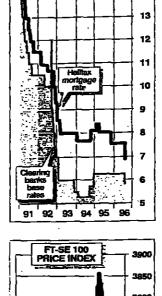
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Coventry	12.125%	126,06	9,594	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	117.83	9,972	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8,750%	93.06	9.403	100.62	50,000
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Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	139,84	9.564	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	115.67	9.280	100.32	1,000
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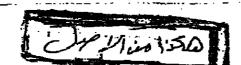
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o you ache to rub shoulders with the stars? Do you have the pulling power of Tom Cruise or Pamela Anderson? If yes to the first and probably no to the second, do not despair. You too can be a contender — if you have money you can afford to lose. As the British film industry, helped by the success of films such as Four Weddings and A Funeral and Shallow Grave enjoys a resurgence, more opportunities for private investment in films are opening.

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While films are risky ventures capable of spectacular losses, there is, says Paul Brooks, head of Metrodome. an AlM-listed production company, "More of an appetite for films from both the City and private investors.

A £60,000 investment from a UK investor got the fundraising ball rolling for director Michael Normand when looking to raise \$1 million for Dirty Laundry, his new film. Although initially unsuccessful in his attempts to raise money through a UK venture capital group, Mr Normand, who co-wrote the award winning Leon The Pig Farmer was able to meet his rarget after approaching a number of US investors.

For more modest budgets, Scarlet Films of Pinewood hopes to raise £500,000 by the end of this month to fund its production of The Scarlet Munic, the Thomas Hardy story. Star-struck investors are also offered the chance to appear in the film.

e in a canne nos To boost the appeal to taxpaying investors, the funds are being raised under the Enterprise Investment Scheme, which offers tax relief on their investments and exemption from capital gains tax.

Minimum investment is El.000 and says Zygi Kamasa. joint managing director of Scarlet Films: "The maximum an investor could lose under EIS is E480, as £520 of a £1,000 investment is tax-deductable."

Scarlet Films is hoping that its romantic drama set in 19th century England will prove a hit in the wake of costume

So you want to be in the movies?



Elizabeth Hurley in Beyond Bedlam

Sense and Sensibility. So far, The Scarlet Tunic, whose cast includes Nigel Havers, Amanda Ryan and Anna Massey, has raised £350,000.

which is seeking £500,000 for its new production of Macbeth. It too is luring investors with a chance to take part and A costume drama of a different type is the vehicle of see their names on the screen when the credits roll, "Almost

Cromwell Films in Stratford

every application so far is from an investor who wants to be an extra." says Gwilym Davies.

general manager.

Cromwell, which produced two previous films, The Bruce, and Chasing the Deer with private investor backing has opted for a debenture rather than equity structure to fund Macbeth and dropped the minimum investment from E1,000 to E500. Subject to the film's success, the offer to investors is repayment of capital over five years with annual interest of 5 per cent on the outstanding capital balance and a profit share. If feature films do not ap-

peal, a number of documentary makers are also after your money. Carol Gould Productions is raising money under the EIS to fund a number of films including Spitfire Girls about the women pilots in World War II, while scientific filmmaker Peter Parks is rais-

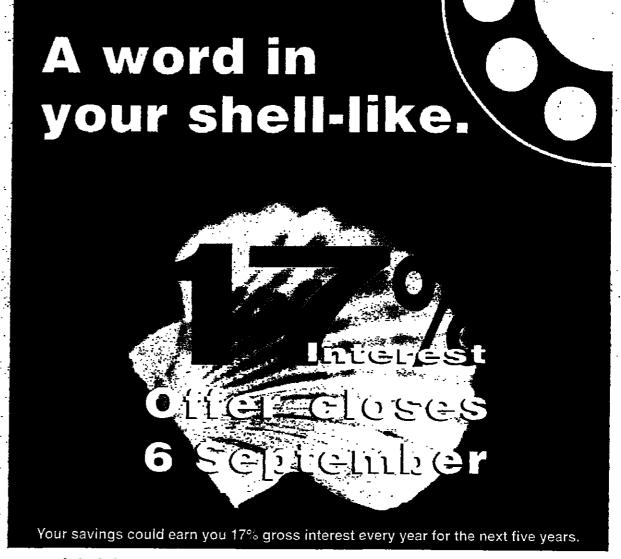
ing money for wildlife films. But if you are looking for a solid return on your investment, forget the movies. Even if the film is a fair success, carnings may arrive gradually as sales to television and video

markets feed in later. One route into the film world that offers a different spread of risk and a quicker route in and out for investors is to buy shares in a quoted film production company such as Winchester Multimedia.

Metrodome, which produced Leon The Pig Farmer, has followed a similar path to Winchester, raising money from private investors along the way and setting itself up as a vertically integrated com-pany involved in production through to distribution.

"A single vehicle investment can be very risky for the small investor whereas we offer a spread of films," says Paul Brooks. These include Solitaire for Two, Beyond Bedlam, where the cast included Liz Hurley, and Killing Time, a thriller due for release in the autumn which is set to be Metrodome's most successful project yet having been sold to Colombia Tristar.

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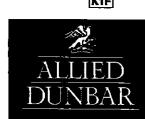
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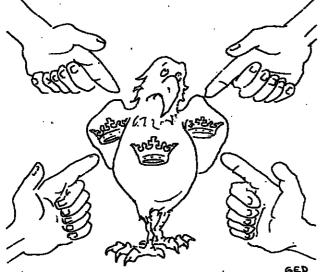
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and? No Francs, Weekend Money, July 6). I have no problem with the French language, but I have a problem if I attempt to place either mail orders or bookings by telephone using a Barcia - card because it has "too few

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digits" I tried to alert Barclaycard to the problem at least six years ago, only to be given the excuse that they were aware that there had indeed been such a problem during the previous few weeks, but this was being solved.

contacted Barclaycard, reminding them that they still had the same "too few digits problem" and was again given



Yours faithfully DR MJ. ESTÉN, "Magpies", Frithsden Copse Berkhampsted, Herts.

New-style return is not as taxing

From Ms Theresa Middleton Sir, Mr Evans's experience (Self-assessment fraught with danger, Weekend Money Letters. July 6) is not typical of those taxpayers who have so far taken part in our live trials of self-assessment

They have certainly taken a little time to get used to the new tax return but, having done so, generally have found it and its accompa no more difficult to fill in than

the current tax return. And, of course, they do not have to work out their own tax bill if they do not want to. The Inland Revenue will continue to do that for taxpayers who send in their returns by September 30. Yours faithfully THERESA MIDDLETON,

Press Secretary, Inland Revenue, North West Wing, Bush House, Aldwych, WC2.

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Hick's Test match future high on agenda

Alan Lee considers who will be selected

SOME of the most emotive names in English cricket will arouse debate among the Test selectors this evening as they confront the sensitive assignment of changing a winning team. The futures of Graeme Hick and Phil Tufnell are on the agenda as attention turns to the first of three Tests against Pakistan.

Despite the victory over a limited India team, only six men can be certain of inclusion in the party for Lord's next week. Of these, Dominic Cork is causing concern with his subdued form and Nasser Hussain must pass a fitness

test on his damaged finger. There are more names in obvious contention than for some time, and the make-up of the selection panel, with five highly individual voices, guarantees some diverse views on issues concerning the positions of Alec Stewart and Hick. the identity of the spin bowler.

EDGBASTON (final day of

three): Warwickshire beat the

NICK KNIGHT played his

highest first-class innings for

two months to guide Warwick-

shire to a comfortable victory

over the Pakistan touring

team yesterday and give the

England selectors consider-

able food for thought when they meet this evening to pick the team for the first Test

match at Lord's, which starts

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season, but their joy will have

been tempered by the an-nouncement of Dermot

Reeve, the inspirational cap-

tain during Warwickshire's

unprecedented domination of

the domestic game, recently

chronic hip complaint. That

has now ruled him out for the

rest of the season, one that was

Warwickshire moved se-

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HARROGATE (second day of

four): Hampshire, with all

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ST GEORGE'S at its best: the

battle moving decidedly in favour of Yorkshire; a first

century of the season - and a

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Yorkshire captain; another,

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prospect, if victory is secured,

of a place at the top of the

championship. All this and

Yorkshire's third-highest

fourth-wicket partnership of

all time. It was enough to

make Yorkshiremen every-where wish they had been

In making 272 together, Byas and McGrath failed only

to beat the 312 of George Hirst

and David Denton, also made

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and the 299 of Roy Kilmer and Percy Holmes. They also bat-

The cares of captaincy have

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Knight's innings earned the

on Thursday.

Pakistanis by seven wickets

and the last seam-bowling place. The outcome may not be overtly dramatic, but the probationary implications of a reprieve for Stewart and Hick would be obvious.

Their cases are dissimilar. Stewart was left out at the start of the summer and regained his place only through an injury to Nick Knight. As Knight is now fit again, and Stewart has made a valiant though unconvincing case for retention, it follows that Knight, the Warwickshire left-hander, should be restored.

Even this is complicated by alternative cases to be made for Mark Butcher, the lefthander scoring prolifically at the head of the order for Stewart's Surrey, and even for Jason Gallian, Michael Atherton's regular opening partner at Lancashire. Knight, however, has shown a mental aptitude for Test cricket and

CRICKET

Impressive Knight

stakes claim

for England recall

may be unconvinced that

Knight's damaged right hand

is strong enough to withstand

the rigours of a five-day Test

match against a full Pakistan

attack, all that can be said is

that he coped capably in

scoring 135 runs for once out.

Although Waqar Younis batted briefly in the morning.

he did not reappear when the

Pakistanis took the field. His

absence gave Mohammad

Akram and Ata-ur-Rehman

their chance to stake claims

for the third seamer's position

in the Test side. Both generat-

ed pace off a lifeless pitch but

Knight was quick to punish

The most impressive thing

about Knight's performance.

though, was the way he dealt with Mushtag Ahmed, on

whom his side's slender hopes

of victory rested. He struck

him for six fours and one six

and appeared to read him

few English batsmen can

make - and certainly not

Knight's first two partners

hailed as one of the brightest

prospects, took two sumptu-

ous fours off successive balls

from Mohammad Akram, but

third score of more than fifty

this season, but you would not

have known it, so punishing

McGrath. who reached his

century with a six, played

equally well. He hit two sixes

and 20 fours. There was some

relief for Hampshire as the

second new ball took a toll of

batsmen in a hurry. York-

shire losing their last seven

wickets for 34 runs in nine

Much may depend on Rob-

in Smith, who is expected back

from the High Court today

after being called as a witness

in the Imran Khan libel case.

Hampshire have a long way to go if they are to turn the tables.

during the early part of the day. Cloud cover and the still-

hard ball enabled Connor to

bring one back off the seam to

and, with Yorkshire on 121 for

three, honours rested easy. It

was the last time they did.

They had their successes

was his driving.

Anurag Singh,

yesterday.

Byas puts Yorkshire

in the driving seat

anything wayward.

to face Pakistan at Lord's next Thursday

deserves his chance to show that his technique matches It has been a depressing summer for Hick, but the

chances are that he would have kept his place even his timely runs against Durham yesterday. David Lloyd, the England coach, watched this innings. doubtless with some relief, but Hick can have no illusions as he approaches the series against Pakistan. If he fails against some of the most challenging bowling in the world, he cannot expect to indulge himself against some of the most modest in Zimbabwe and New Zealand this

Such is the strength and scope of the Pakistan attack

that England might wisely revert to playing six specialist batsmen for this initial game. Certainly, they should retain such an option by including ble left-arm rival. John Crawley. Like Knight,

ting with encouraging fluency.

Mark Ealham did nothing wrong on his debut at Trent Bridge and will naturally remain in the squad, but he cannot be a confident choice at No 6 against Pakistan. Ronnie Irani, left out of the final XI in Nottingham, may this time make way in the party for Crawley before the discussion turns in earnest to two trouble-

his Test career has been

stalled by injury, but he is bat-

some bowling positions.

Cork and Chris Lewis will continue to share the new ball, for the time being at least, and

likely choice in support. Despite his admirable ecomony rate against India, however, Mullally's inability to bowl the inswinger to the right-hander is being held against him. Simon Brown remains a nota-

The fair course would be to include Mulially but to add Darren Gough, who is playing his most vibrant cricket since those heady days in Australia two winters ago, to the party as an alternative. It seems certain that a new slow bowler will appear. Min Patel looked inadequate at

bury, Richard Stemp, Richard Illingworth, Robert Croft and Peter Such will command a mention; so. too, will Tufnell. If another slow left-armer is required, there can be little argument that Tufnell is the

Trent Bridge, but there will be

various theories as to who

should replace him. Ian Salis-

Alan Mullally remains the best available. The endorse ments on his overseas licence can hardly avoid consideration and the selectors must agree on whether it makes sense to pick someone for a home Test if they are reluctant to take him on tour.

An off spinner is less attractive, especially if Hick is considered in this regard, and the solution would be to reintroduce Ian Salisbury. He would doubtless profit from playing in a two-man spin attack, but this seems unlikely and England must draw breath and hope that the recent indications of greater consistency in his bowling are not misleading. Of all the spinners in contention, Tufnell included, none is as likely to bowl out a Test side.

My XIII would be: Atherton, Knight, Hussain, Thorpe, Hick, Crawley, Russell, Lewis, Cork, Ealham, Mullally, Gough, Salisbury.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Tetley Challenge Series Warwickshire v Pakistanis EDGBASTON (line) day of times! Warned sheet the Palostanis by seven varieties PAKISTANIS: First Innings 297 (Seeed Annex 131, Inzamam ul-Hari, 51)

Anwar 131, Insaream 4-Hed 51 Second Inrange
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Igaz Ahmed st Burns b Smith
Ast Mugaba & Oster b Smith
Insarram-4-Hed low b Gales
*Mont Khan & Oster b Gales
Salim Masili & Burns b Smith
Mushbag Ahmed b Gales
Saeed Arwar & Burns b Altree
Atta-u-Rahman o Welch b Altree
Macar Youns run out Waqar Younis run out Mohammed Akram no Extras; (b 5. nb 4)

Total FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-89, 3-100, 4-106, 5-106, 6-117, 7-121, 8-141, 9-154
SOMULANG Albre 12-1-41-3 Munion 7-2-17-0, Giles 26-13-39-3; Smith 20-5-56-3 WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 310 (D R Brown 76, T L Perkley 66, Mushlad Ahmed 7 tor 91) Second Innings

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D P Ostler to Salim
T L Penney not out
Extras (b 6, 6) 1, nb 67 Total (3 wkts) ______FALL OF WICKETS 1-48, 2-61, 3-126 BOMEING Mohammad Akram 4-021-0. Ataur-Rahman 3-0-9-0. Mushtaq Ahmed 10-1-47-1; Azmir Sohai 7-2-29-1, Inzamam-ul-Haq 4-0-24-0; Salim Malik 3-1-9-1

Umpires J W Holder and P Willey

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Nottinghamshire CHELMSFORD (second day of tour): Not impliantship, with nine second-immigs wick-els in hand, are 119 runs behind Essex Second Innings

Total (1 wkd) 155
FALL OF WICKET. 1-133
BOWLING: Not 11-1-22-0; Williams 8-2-22-0;
fan 4-0-2-0; Andrew 3-0-12-0; Such 12-426-0; Grayeon 11-8-25-0; Law 6-1-18-1

ESSEX: First Innings ESSEV: First Innings
G A Gooch c Noon b Alford ...
D D J Roberson c Noon b Bowen
A P Grayson b Bales
S G Law c Johnson b Afford
"P J Prichard c Noon b Evans ...
R C Irani c Alzaal b Bowen
M C Bot b Bowen
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M C Wallams not out
P M Such by b Evans ...
S J W Andrew C Culims b Bowen
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Bonus points Essex 8 Nottinghamshire 4

> Gloucestershire v Leicestershire

CHELTENHAM (second day of lour) Leicestershire (20pts) best Gloucestershire (4) by 102 runs LEICESTERSHIRE: First firmings 159 (B Smith 68 not out, A M Smith 6 for 55)

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P V Simmons tow b Smith ...
"J J Whitaker c Smith b Walsh
A R K Person c Russell b Alleyn
P A Noon c Windows b Alleyne
G J Parsons, not cut
A D Multally b Alleyne
Extras (b 8, lb 1, w 1, nb 20)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First limings 71

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T H C Hancock c and b Smirmons
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M A Lynch c Nixon b Mulially
A Symonds b Parsons,
M W Alleyne c Wells b Milins
TR C Russell not out
M C J Ball b Mulially
J Lewis c Noron b Mulially
J Lewis c Noron b Mulially
"C A Walsh b Milins
Fatras (No 5 to 10) Extras (10 5, nb 10)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-30, 3-35, 4-54, 5-98, 6-98, 7-109, 8-109, 9-123 BOWLING, Milins 11,3-3-41-3, Mulally 12-5-22-4; Parsons 10-4-27-1; Simmons 9-2-41-2 Umpires B Dudieston and N T Plews.

Lancashire v Derbyshire OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four) Derbyshire, with eight first-minings wickets in hand, are 500 runs behind Lancachille

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G D Lloyd run oud
"M Waskinson C Cork b Barnets
fW K Hegg Ibw b Vandrau . . .
S Excepting c Kinklein b Barnets
G Chappile c Jones b Wells
P J Martin not oud Extras (6 8, 15 6, w-2, nb 6)

K J Barnett flow b Chappile
A S Rollins c Lloyd b Chappile
C J Adame not dut
"I M Jones not out
Extras (b 1, no 4) fotal (2 witts, 22 overs)

TJG O'Gorman C M Wes PAJ DeFiedz K M Krikken, DG Cork MJ Vandrou and AJ tams to box Hamis to but FALL OF WICKETS 1-20, 2-35 BOWLING Chapple 7-4-17-2: Eworthy 6-2-31-0; Waldinson 5-0-14-0; Martin 4-0-15-0 Boruss points, Larkes-time 4 Detaychine] Umpton G I Burgets and A Clarkson

Northamptonshire
v Middlesex NORTHAMPTON (second day of lour)-Middleson with seven second-minings wick-ots in hand are 217 run; ahend of Northamptoniotism MEDDLESEX: First Iranings 157 (K. R. Brown 54, J.P. Taylor 5 for 36)

Second Immega

P N Weekes not out
J C Pooley e Fordham b Taylor
"M W Getting a Fordham b Taylor
JD Carr c Capel b Emburey
P E Wolfings not out

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-17, 2-21, 3-141 BOWLING Toylor, 18-6-49-2 Bossell 6-0-13-0, Capel 7-2-19-0, Curan 5-1-18-Snape 13-47-0 Baley 8-0-31-0, Penberty 7-0-20-0, Emburey 12-0-43-1 7-0-20-0. Emburey 12-0-43-1.
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A Fordham c Brown b Fray
J E Emburey c and b Howiti
"R J Balley c Brown b Howiti
"R J Balley c Brown b Johnson
A L Penharithy c Werkes b Tutnel
D J Capel c Garting b Fay
N M Curran not out
J N Snape c Tutnel b Fraser
J P Taylor c Brown b Fraser
S A J Boswell c Brown b Fraser
H J Warren c Brown b Howit
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Umpires Mi Jirulchen and Ki JiLyons Surrey v Sussex

GUILDFORD (third day of four) Susser, with nine second-innings wickels in hand, require 391 runs to best Suney SURREY, First Innings 411 (A.J. Stewart 74, G. J. Kersey 68 not out, G.P. Thorpe 66, M.A. Butcher 57, P.W. Jan

Butcher 57: P W Jerws 4 for ex Second Invings: 0 J Buchnell tow b Jerws M A Butcher b Jarvis: "A J Stewart c Specifil b Law G P Thorpe c Wells b Jarvis A J Holinake b Salisbury C C Lewis not out .
B P Julian c Moores b Jarvis
†G J Kersey not out .
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'A P Wells flow b Julian
K Greenfield b Hollowke
M P Spelight c Nersey b Julian
D R Law b Julian
I P Moores C Butcher b Julian
I D K Salisbury c sub b D J Bucknet
I D K Salisbury c sub b D J Bucknet
I D Lewy b D J Bicknet
I S H Gloddins not out Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 12)

SOMUNG Lewis 17-4-57-0; M P Bicknet 17-4-5-2; Julian 13-0-41-4, Hollicalle 15-1 48-1, Pearson 9-1-52-0; D J Bicknet 3-1-7-3 Second Innings

C W J Athey not out
N J Lenham c Thorpe b M P Bicknett
A P Wells not out
Sidnes (b 3, w 5, nb 4) Total (1 wkl) FALL OF WICKET 1-38 BOWLING M P Biolonel 8-5-6-1, Julian 7-0 34-0; Pearson 5-1-9-0; D J Bicknell 4-2-8-0 Bonus points Surrey 8 Sussex 6 Umpres: R Palmer and 8 Leadbea

Worcestershire v Durham MORCESTER (second day of four). Durham with two second-intends wickets in hand, are 70 runs ahead of Worcestershire DURHAM; First trinings 240 (P Bai 67, S R Lampitt 4 kg 57)

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P D Collingwood b Sheriyar
M A Roseberry low b Sheriyar Extras (Mo 3. er 1, mo 18)



Why life i

short of full

Gallian: highest score made at Old Trafford

FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-10, 3-24, 4-26 5-38, 6-73, 7-116, 8-132 BOWLING Shermar 13-4-36-3 Elis 10-2-19-2 Lamper 8-0-45-2 Moody 10-4-29-0 WORCESTERSHIRE: Arst Innings WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innin
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M J Charch b Betts
G A Hack a Lugertwood b Betts
'I M Moody a Lugertwood b Brown
k R Spaing Ibw b Brown
V S Sclarib b Brown
Y S Sclarib b Brown
Y S Sclarib b Brown
TS J Rinders Ibw b Cox
S H Lampti Ibw b Brown
S H Lampti Ibw b Brown
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Edga: 10 3 to 12, nb 16)
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Total 1916 Forests.

Thorpe sizzles en route to another century

the first innings, now aver-

is exceeded only by an Austra-

lian in Shane Lee and an

Indian in Sourav Ganguly.

This is a splendid record and.

although the Pakistanis are

still to come, he is self-

evidently quite capable of

A feature of his batting

yesterday was the way in which he picked out different

sections of a boundary rope

that was never other than well

peopled. This is a small

ground and more grass has

been cropped from the out-

field than in past years, but

Thorpe still had to time the

ball over it. He did so to the

extent of striking 14 fours in

sustaining it.

ages 85.67 this season, which

Thorpe: imposing

GUILDFORD (third day of four): Sussex, with nine second-innings wickets in hand. need 391 runs to beat Surrey

BY IVO TENNANT

TO BOWL at Graham Thorpe in his present form is to bowl at the most imposing batsman in the country. He made 130 yesterday, his sixth century of the season, and none of the previous five can have been any better. Sussex. who had managed to avert the follow-on with their last-wicket pair together in the morning, were left to make 451 to win on what remains a decent

Thorpe, who scored 66 in

remove Moxon's off bail via his pad. In the next over. Vaughan was caught at slip by Maru, who was substituting for Smith. The wholehearted Stephenson claimed the wick-

discouraged by this first defeat of their tour. They were obliged to manage with only three front-line bowlers and some of their batsmen were handicapped by illness. Saeed Anwar went for further blood tests yesterday and he, like

Wagar, did not take the field

after batting briefly in the

sea. His dismissal, leg-before

in Mushtaq's fourth over, was

a merciful release. Burns, too,

struggled before mowing once

too often against Aamir

Aside from their feeble sec-

ond-innings batting, the Paki-

stanis will not be too

Sohail.

morning. With Saeed caught behind hooking at Altree in the fifth over, and Wagar smartly run out from the covers by Giles in the following over, the Pakistanis added only il runs to their overnight score of 147 for eight. Altree finished with five

class appearance.
Warwickshire will not make decision on a successor to Reeve until the end of the season, although Tim Munton will futill the role until then. The club were able to announce that Allan Donald will resume his duties as their overseas player in 1997.

Hick makes a full set of centuries

GRAEME HICK has had a troubled summer, but he enjoyed a long overdue good day yesterday. The Worcestershire batsman's 88th firstclass hundred was notable in that it was claimed against Durham, giving him a full set of championship centuries against the 17 other first-class counties - but more important, perhaps, after his dismal Test series against India, he scored it in front of the England coach, David Lloyd.

who was at New Road. Hick completed his hundred off 161 balls, with two sixes and 15 fours. He finally fell for 150, caught by Ligertwood off Betts, in a total of 302 all out. Durham promptly collapsed in their second innings to 132 for eight and lead by just 70 runs. Another defeat looms.

At Chelmsford, Nottinghamshire, needing 271 to avoid an innings defeat against Essex, were given an encouraging start by Tim Robinson and Paul Pollard. who shared an opening part-nership of 133 before Robinson fell for 51. Pollard survived to reach the close on 72 from a total of 152 for one.

of four): Leicestershire (20pts) beat Gloucestershire (4) by 102

THEY celebrated as if they were already champions and, in a sense, they must have felt that they were. It may still be July, but Leicestershire now head the county championship after beating Gloucestershire inside two days. This is a rarity in itself, but, in such an open year, they have acquired the confidence to believe that it more than a fleeting

CHELTENHAM (second day

pleasure. This extraordinary game was over before 5pm yester-day, 40 wickets having fallen for SI6 runs. It was played throughout by subservient and often self-destructive batsmen, shuttling on and off stage like inadequate auditioners before a theatrical director. Almost to a man-

they forgot their lines. The pitch had quickened appreciably since Thursday. but its bounce remained reliable, if steeper than the English norm, and its reputation unblemished. Poor batting conspired with high-quality fast bowling to concect this premature finish, a huge in-

an innings that lasted for 190

He and Stewart, who was

only a little less authoritative

put on 163 after Jarvis had

found a good one to bowl Butcher first ball and then

trap Darren Bicknell leg-before. Stewart, who has yet

to score a first-class century

this season, pulled Salisbury

bowlers in characteristic man-

above the ground.

ner, left leg pivoting well

It scarcely mattered that there was a bit of a collapse

after Stewart was out for 80.

which also included six fours.

Of greater concern to Surrey

and, indeed, to England, was

that Lewis pulled a thigh

for six and hooked the quicker

convenience to Gloucester-shire, for whom today was to Adrian Pierson was carrying his nightwatchman duties to an extreme and had not scored have been an important day of corporate and gate revenue. for 70 minutes, but Alleyne They have only themselves, prised him out while taking or at least their players, to blame. Even when faced with the last three wickets for 12. making 239 for victory, easily with some authentic blows, the highest total of the match, that batting was far from Gloucestershire should have impossible, but he now proceeded to make it look ex-

Millns rocks back to avoid a rising ball from Walsh at Cheltenham yesterday

Leicestershire flying high

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

come close. Yet they approached the task like a team bereft of confidence, which is precisely what they are. Their two innings lasted a total of five hours, which was a mockery of the conditions. By contrast, Leicestershire

are flying in the clouds. By this time of year, it is generally possible to tell a team's fortunes and aspirations from their demeanour in the field. Gloucestershire, here, were fatalistic; Leicestershire bounced on their toes, appealed noisily and irreverently and greeted each wicket with an odd session of what they

would call team bonding. James Whitaker is proving himself a motivational captain and resumed batting at start of play with a plainly adver-tised purpose. Half-an-hour of forthright attack carried the lead close to 200, before he

muscle in slithering into the

crease when taking a sharp single. He continued batting

until the declaration came but

took the field after Sussex

began their second innings

Martin Bicknell soon had

Lenham taken in the slips.

Although the pitch was taking

some turn by the afternoon,

his brother, Darren, could not

repeat his career-best figures of three for seven that he

finished with in the morning.

He bowls occasional left-arm

spin and clearly Stewart will

be hard put to prise the ball away from him for the rest of

the season. It will be quite a

surprise if Surrey do not win

and did not have a bowl.

slide was irreversible. The defiant aggression of Lynch and Russell was a mere sideshow. Today they must come back for a full-scale game against the second XI to keep the marquee guests amused. Leicestershire can enjoy a day off in unaccustomed

David Millns had shown,

tremely difficult when he took

the new ball. Devon Malcolm

apart, there are few quicker

Englishmen howling today, and Millns could yet win a

belated first Test cap if some-one sharp is needed to shake

Phil Simmons, who had a

big influence on this game

despite failing to score a run.

broke a resolute second-wicket

stand by dismissing Wright

overs and, when Symonds

betrayed his lack of conviction

with a tame dismissal, the

and Hancock in successive

up the Pakistan batting.

Northamptonshire court disaster

By PAT GIBSON

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Middlesex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 217 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

THE longer John Emburcy stayed in the witness box at the High Court yesterday, the better his old county liked it. By the time he got back to the ground, five hours into the day and 46 overs into Middlesex's second innings, Paul Weekes and John Carr had swung the match their way with a third-

wicket partnership of 120. Rob Bailey, the Northamptonshire captain, was seething at the prolonged absence of his potential match-winner on a

turning pitch, but it was hard it was too dry at the start, and to feel too much sympathy. Northamptonshire knew that Nor should there be. It was Emburey had been subpoenaed to appear in the great libel case and it was their decision to include him in the side once Lord's had given permission for him to come and go as the lawyers wished. It made for an unreal atmosphere in a match which could

be the first to be decided in court. It had already demanded the presence of Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's inspector of pitches, after 15 wickets had fallen on the first day. He could not find much wrong with it, apart from the fact that no further action is likely. Nor should there be. It was good enough for Weekes and Carr to restore Middlesex's self-esteem after they had trailed by 15 runs on first innings and got off to another wretched start when Pooley and Gatting were dismissed in Taylor's opening spelt.

Carr made 57 before Emburey had him caught slip off his second ball but was too little too late. Weekes, dropped four times, turned on his former colleague with a succession of spanking on drives and was still unbeaten at the close on 133, his highest championship score.

MOTOR CYCLING: BRITISH GRAND PRIX COULD TAKE CHAMPION CLOSER TO HAT-TRICK OF TITLES

New image gives Doohan head start

Oliver Holt talks to an habitual winner

who has learnt to enjoy success again

HE TOOK his two 500cc world championships with the grim demeanour of a man seeking revenge for a terrible wrong. The triumph over the crippling leg injuries that nearly wrecked his career was indisputable, but the joy had gone out of his riding. Now, though, as he hurtles towards a third successive title, Michael Doohan is having

the last laugh at last. The last motorcyle hero, the last of the great triumvirate that he formed with Wayne Rainey and Kevin Schwantz, Doohan arrived at Donington Park on Thursday to prepare for tomorrow's British Grand Prix, the 99th race of his career. In years past, he has wrapped himself in a cocoon of concentration as soon as he has arrived at circuits. This year, he had his head shaved for charity.

On Thursday afternoon, he sat chatting in his air-condioned motor home with his girlfriend, Selina, joking about how he needed a haircut anyway. Then, he opened the doors and began an autograph-signing session that seemed as though it would never end. Friends say a change has come over him this year, and Doohan is happy to admit it.

It does not, he says, have anything to do with an easing of frustration at what might have been had he not nearly lost his leg as a result of injuries sustained when he crashed at the Dutch Grand Prix at Assen in 1992. The championship would have been his that year, without a doubt, probably the next year,

Although his courage in overcoming his suffering and undergoing countless opera-tions to try to regain mobility in his ankle and toes, was one of the most inspiring feats in sport, it did not bring him his first championship until 1994. He crushed the opposition then, winning nine of 14 races. When he won again last year, he found peace.

"Last year, I was probably more tense than I had been throughout all my career," Doohan said. "It was mainly because I put pressure on myself to achieve what I wanted to achieve. I wanted to win two championships back championship and then a couple of years later win another one. If you win something two years running, it shows you must have been

fairly dominant in that period. "I had a couple of crashes early in that season and got misquoted by the press so I just pulled away and let them continue on their track while I continued on mine. But before the beginning of this season I sat down and thought about it and I figured I had to start having fun in the sport again. My approach this year has been that if I did not win another championship, [

wasn't going to be upset.
"If I do win another, it will be a bonus but I have done what I set out to achieve. Whether I win two or 20 championships would be the same to me. Now, I just do what I used to do a few years ago which is to go out there and try the best I can. I'm enjoying it more and I think that's rubbing off on the people around me."

Despite this change, Doohan, who rides a Repsol Honda, has always been an amicable, modest man away from the circuit, the antithesis of a brash Australian, a model professional who has the unreserved admiration of his rivals. This year, he has brought more of that side of his

persona to work, too. He will be 32 soon, the age when he always said he would stop racing. He has had eight years in the sport, a period he considers "a good innings", and he talks openly about retirement. Two more seasons after this seems to be the limit of his aspirations.

It will be hard to quit at the top, though. He has had spells of being pressured by Daryl Beattle, his compatriot, and by Alex Criville, his team-mate, but the new generation is still puzzling about how to catch up with the old timer. Doohan leads this year's championship by 57 points from Criville and has won five of this year's

right races.
"My motivation comes from the love to compete and the will to win," Doohan said, "not so much the pat on the back. Pats on the back don't really do anything for me. That's why people take me wrong sometimes. I basically



Doohan has his head shaved for charity by Randy Mamola, one of motorcycling's most popular former riders

British challenge still in wrong gear

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

MICHAEL DOOHAN, the favourite, posted the secondfastest time, behind Jean-Michel Bayle, from France, in qualifying practice amid the heat, noise, and flying insect life of Donington Park

The Midlands, of course, was the home of the British motorcycle industry, and the dominating presence of Japanese manufacturers at Donington these days might strike some as ironic.

Nor are British riders represented in the top ten of any of the three race classes (125, 250. or 500cc), although Darren Dixon and Andrew Hetherington are the

British Sidecar Grand Prix a crowd-pleasing event which lacks the status of the other

In the blue riband 500cc event tomorrow, the Briton with the best chance of finishing on the rostrum may be Terry Rymer, from London. Better known for Superbike racing, Rymer has replaced the injured Daryl Beattle, of Australia, the runner-up at Donington last year, in the Lucky Strike Suzuki team, and finished fourteenth in qualifying practice yesterday.

The low profile of motorcycling and motorcyclists in Britain, which some ascribe to a lack of interest in the UK market by major sponsors of the sport, such as

DETAILS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RANKINGS:
1, M Dochan (Aus. Honda) 166pts; 2. A
Criville (Sp. Honda) 109: 3. L Cadatore (It.
Honda) 106; 4. A Barros (Br. Honda) 91: 5.
N Abe (Jepan, Yamahe) 78: 8, S Russell
(US, Suzuki) 75; 7. A Putg (Sp. Honda) 62:
8. J-M Bayle (Fr. Yamaha) 60; 9. T Okada
(Japan, Honda) 50: 10, C Checa (Sp.
Honda) 44.

universal. Max Biaggi, who leads the 250cc class and will step up to 500cc next season, is second only to Alberto Tomba. the skier, in press coverage of sportsmen in Italy.

Fans were not sorry. "The stars are more accessible." said Michael, from Farnborough, Hampshire. "You can't imagine Hill or Schumacher shaving their

did." His friend, David, agreed that the motorcycle grand prix was more spectator-friendly than the Formula One equivalent. "It's more competitive, with closer finishes. It's not decided in the pits; riders risk everything, and push themselves to the limit,"

This affinity extends to the machines; there was much comparing of notes about bikes. "You could buy a worldclass superbike in a shop. You couldn't aspire to the car equivalent," David said. A couple from Luton came because they "loved bikes" and had just returned from a two-week holiday which included the German Grand Prix and the Spa 24-hour race

Speed will hold key in the new grand prix

TRIATHLON

BY IAN SWEET

TRIATHLON has to wait until 2000 and Sydney for its Olympic Games debut, but many believe that the future of the sport can be seen this weekend in Koblenz, Germany, where the world's best triathletes race in the first round of the new milliondollar International Triathlon Grand Prix (ITGP). The best six distance

triathletes have never raced each other but the explosive, fast and entertaining new ITGP concept of racing has brought them together for the first time. Spencer Smith and Simon Lessing, Britain's two double world champions, have not raced each other for two years, but they will toe the line alongside Mark Allen, the great competitor from the United States, Brad Beven and Greg Welch, the Australians, and Mike Pigg, another

American. Triathlon is young and still has growing pains, but with the introduction of the ITGP, I believe it opens out our sport even more to all the different type format races and gives every athlete a chance to succeed. I can see this type of racing being a big part of triathlon for many years to come." Smith said.

The triple super sprint race in Koblenz tomorrow is one of five different formats on the ITGP. The event consists of a 300-metre swim, seven times one-kilometre criterium cycle and a four times 500-metre run will be raced three times in different orders with a 15-minute break between each event, the time starting once the winner of each race crosses the line. This kind of racing is all about speed; speed in the water, speed on a bike and speed on the run, but more importantly speed in the

As a prelude to the racing there was a DTerminator when the competitors undertook two transitions against the clock. Benjamin Sanson, the French swim specialist, was the quickest in 19.52sec, so starts in pole position tomorrow.

THE realm of rugby league

continues to expand, with the

decision yesterday to grant

South Wales entry into the

Stones Super League after two

businessmen offered guarantees of between £2 million and

£3 million to bring top-class

the second-division club was

approved by the Rugby League Council after talks

between Maurice Lindsay, the

Rugby Football League (RFL)

chief executive, and the two

unnamed businessmen, who

are providing the financial

backing to a plan put together by Mike Nicholas, the Wales

Nicholas said last night that

South Wales would prove the

decision an effective one by

quickly becoming a power in

the Super League. "It is great

news. We have got two guys

who want to introduce money and they are looking to put in

around £3 million. I put both

of them on to Maurice Lindsay

and they gave the assurances

national team manger.

The fast-track promotion of

rugby to the Principality.

FOOTBALL

FA to face legal action over ticket distribution

THE Football Association (FA) is to be asked to pay part of the bill for personal injuries claims by supporters hurt in the crowd troubles at the match between Ireland and England at Lansdowne Road

last year. Judge Esmonde Smyth was told in the Circuit Civil Court that the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) sought an indemnity from the FA on the grounds that it was negligent in the distribution of tickets to England supporters who were known troublemakers.

Hugh Mohan, counsel for the FAI, said his client believed the disturbances were inspired by England support-ers in the West Stand who had obtained almost 1,800 tickets through the FA.

The court heard that England supporters were known for riotous conduct at home and abroad and that the ringleaders were known to the FA and the English police. Mr Mohan said that it was the duty and obligation of the FA to control the distribution of the tickets to ensure that they did not fall into the hands of supporters likely to pose a threat of violence.

"That aspect of the distribution of the English tickets was a matter solely and exclusive-ly within the province of the FA and the Irish body had no input or control in respect of it." Mr Mohan said.

Martin Hayden, counsel for a number of fans injured allegedly because of the disturbances, said that if the FA owed a duty of care to the Irish association then it, in turn, owed such a duty to victims of the riot.

☐ Irish football has suffered another resignation of a leading official. Donie Butler, the commercial manager of the FAI for more than ten years. has tendered his resignation.

In a year which has seen the resignations of the chief executive, Sean Connolly, the treasurer, Joe Delaney, and the national coach, Joe McGrath, this move is another blow to the governing body of the game in Ireland at a time when it appeared to have put its problems behind it.

RUGBY LEAGUE

South Wales head

for Super League

Why life in Atlanta is short of fun and games

SHUT UP, I don't want to have a nice day, I want to find a telephone that works. The Olympic city is in chaos. Well. all Olympic cities exist in a perpetual state of chaos, but of the three Games I have covered, Atlanta is so far in bronze medal position for efficiency. You don't want to hear about the hideous ghastly agonies we press people have gone through to get our accreditation, but we are not alone. Everybody is suffering. Here are some of the

highlights: Fist-fights on the underground trains, oversubscribed and desperately undermanned. "It was ugly at Omni station." "They about came to blows but they didn't have enough room to hit each other." "People started to pan-Fic and stampede. They were crying, screaming, going up the down escalator."

Olympic transport system keep leaving, because they are "embarrassed by organisational glitches". ☐ A group of 400 students flew in from all over Europe to work as volunteers. They were

☐ At least 200 members of the volunteer police force have walked out because of the poor organisation. "Everybody is upset. It's just a big mess." There is also a row within the volunteer police about racism. All of us here need something to lighten the atmosphere. How about some top quality sport? It all starts today, so let the joy begin.



SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

Rough justice

Meanwhile, one of the great American vignettes opens before us with the case of Michael Irvin, an American Bus drivers manning the footballer with the Dallas Cowboys and winner of the Most Valuable Player award at the Super Bowl. He was involved in a spot of bother when he was caught in his hotel room in Dallas with marijuana, cocaine, two topput up in a hostel that had no less dancers and a few friends. Not a man who likes to take a chance when it comes to enjoying himself. He was let off with probation and a fine; Dallas police decided not to try for anything tougher because it would be impossible to get a conviction against a Dallas

Cowboy in Dallas. All of which is weird enough, but this week a former Dallas police officer, Johnnie Hernandez, was indicted in connection with an alleged plot to kill Irvin: he is accused of handing over \$2,960 as a down payment for the murder of the errant Cowboy. He stands trial after the Olympics and I wonder what the Dallas jury will make of it all. He could get a 99-year sentence — but per-haps he could get a couple of years off for good behaviour.

Pride of place

The business of pins, their purchase and their swapping. is these days one of the most intensely contested events at and a paw-print.

of course, the Gay Pride Olympic pin. Yours for only ten bucks.

Hollow rings

You probably want to know the philosophy behind NBC's planned coverage of the Olympic Games. They have five themes "which correspond to the five Olympic rings". Passez moi le sick bag. These are History, Reality, Possibility ("the feeling of self-realization"), Idealism and Patriotism. If you think that means flogging the dead horse of jingolsm while dressing it up in claptrap, you must be an awfully cynical person.

Helpful hints

Some personal information about the American swimming team. Ray Carey has a pet snake called "Cool Breeze"; Tom Dolan's nom de guerre as a disc jockey is Mass Confusion; John Olsen has a chihuahua; Josh Davis "has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ". It's not the thing to criticise a chap's beliefs, but what an odd way to put it. Red faces

It really must be time for a Marge Schott update. This turbulent old lady, old friend of this column and owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, was barred from the day-to-day running of her club for saying that Hitler was a good guy who just went a little too far. She has now been banned from her stadium altogether: baseball officials believe she is still sneakily making important decisions about the club. She should have sent a memo to all her employees telling them she was no longer running things; instead, she told them: "Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, I am not about to disappear."

She has since sent a message to some of her employees who actually want her back in the stadium. "I miss you and Schottzie 02 does too." Schottzie 02 is Marge's St Bernard. The note was signed "With love, Marge Schott",

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (AFL): North Mel-bourne 17.16 (118) bt St Klida 4.5 (29). BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 7 Pritadel-phia 0; Pidsburgh 8 Cincernani 3; New York 3 Montesal 7; Houston 2 Atlanta 3; St Lous 5 Chicago 6; San Diego 9 Colorado 2; Sen Francisco 3 Los Angeles 8. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 3 Baltimore 6; Cleveland 5 Montesota 4; Toronto 8 Detroit 4; Chicago 1 Kenses Cay 7; Mitwaties 16 New York 4; Teras 4 Oakland 5 (11 mnngs); California 3 Seattle 15

BOWLS

EASTBOURNE: Open hournament: Stringles: Cluerter-finals: J Eston bi J Elits 21-19; C Turrell bt J Preston 21-13; W Letrnan bt J Hill 21-9; M Place bt S Berson 21-20. Semi-final: Letrnan bt Place 21-5. PRINCES RISBOROUGH: Triples champlorship: Semi-finals: Stony Stratford (M Viclears) bt High Wycombe (G Grace) 18-17. Chandos Park (T Hanger) bt Denham (K Smith) 22-11
DEAL: Kent Fours Championehip: Semi-finals: Blackheeth and Greenwich (A Thomson) bt Sevenoaks (B Banfield) 27-11; Bedey Hospital (B Warren) bt Mitton Regis (D Hoddinott) 27-15.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day):
Leicester: Northemptonshire 270-7 (T Baley 77, M B Love 50); Lecestershire 246 (J Sucidie 58; J Brown 4-50), Northemptonshire won by 24 n.ms. Webbeck: Nottinghomshire 204 (J R Wilsonen 54); Durham 208-4 (JA Daley 54, J Longley 50). Durham won by 5k weckets.

MINOR COUNTRES CHAMPIONISHIP (finel day of two): Former's: Cumberland 2008 and 208-7 (D J Pearson 82, A D Mawson 55; D F Raits 4-52); Cambridgeshire 235 (M A Shap 4-62) and 139 (N T Gatsby 68; J M Fielding 5-22, M J Parkinson 4-29)
Cumberland won by 114 nas.

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TOUR DE FRANCE: Ninetaenth stage (226irn, Hendaye to Bordeaud: 1, F. Moncassin (Fr, Gan) 5iv 25min 11sec; 2, E. Zabel (Ger, Deutsche Telekom): 3, F. Baletato: (ft, MG Technogymi): 4, D. Abdouspaerov (Lcb, Refin), 5, M. Piccoli (ft, Breschald): 6, S. Basec; (ft, SAECO): 7, 1. Cench (ft, Gewess); 8, A Technol (Ukr, Lotto). 9, A Fernjagot (ft, Residne); 10, F. Shnore, (Ft, Aubervillers): 11, F. Andreu (Us., Motorole): 12, P. Induréin (Sp. Banesto): 13, B. Bospardin (ft, Festina): 14, F. Sinnon (Ft, Gan), 15, J. Bajtevers (Holl, TVM); 16, A. Baronti (ft, Penaria): 17, S. Sunderland (Aus. Lotto); 18, F. Echave (Sp. Mepal); 19, M. Show (ft, Carrent; 20, L. Bochard (ff, Festina) all same time. British: 24, C. Boardman (GB, Gen) same time Overalt: 1, B. Rile (Den, Deutsche Telekom) 31hr Britin and 43sec; 2, J. Uffrich (Ger, Deutsche Telekom) all 3hrun 58sac; 3, R. Virangue (ff, Festina) at 42s; 4, L. Dufauc (Switz, Festina) 5:52; 5, P. Luttenberger (Austra, Carrena) 6:19, 6, F. Escarin (Sp. Keinre) 7:23, 7, P. Ugurmon (Lat, Rosolito) 7:48, 8, L. Lebland (Ff., Pobl) 8:01: 9, A. Olano (Sp. Mapel) 11:22: 10, T. Romanger (Switz, Mapel) 11:24: 1, M. Indurán (Sp. Banesto) 15:36; 12, P. Jonker (Aus. Once) 17:39, 13, B. Hamburger (Den, TVM) 19:18: 14, L. Pepolo (It, Relin) 19:31; 15, A. Eli (It, MG Technogym) 20:48; 16, M. Fernarder: Gines (Sp. Mapel) 21:37: 17: U. Boils (Ger, Deutsche Telekom) 23:05; 18, M. Bartoli (It, MG Technogym) 30:37; 19, Brochard 31:32; 2, Moncasson 24; 3, Baletato 220; 4, Abdoujaparov 180; 5, Bijlevers 132; Teemt 1, Festina 27:3hr 19min 48sec; 2, Dutsche Telekom at 15mm 33sec; 3, Mepel 48:14; 4, Rosoluto at 1.14:18tr; 5, Ones 13:037; (Ning of the Mountains (final standings): 1, Virenque 38:spet; 2, File 274; 3, Dufaus 176; 4, Brochard 166; 5, Lebland 150; 1, Wentager (Both): 158

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TODAY: Twentieth stage: Bordeaux to San/Emilion, 595.km irme-treal. Tomorrow: Finel stage: Palaiseau to Pane Champs-Elysées, 144km.

FOOTBALL MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Tempa Bay 3 UEFA CUP: Prefirminary round, first leg: Berry Town 0 Dinaburg 0; St Petnck's Athletic 3 Stoven Bratisteva 4.

GOLF

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(Aus). 88: D Pepper, M Plett, M Morris 68: S
Smyers, S. Hamfin, A Sorienstam (Swe) 70:
C Chitlem, K Said. 71: S Redman, C Figg
Currier, J Crafter (Aus). N Jeray, R Heisen, D
Ammacapane. Selectied scores: 72: H
Almodeson (Swe) 73: A Marie Palli (Fr), T
Johnson (Bil), C Marthew (GB), S Croce
(it), 74: C Perce (GB), S Maynor (GB), H
Kobeyseth (Japen), K Davies (GB), A Dibos
(Paru) 75: S Structwick (GB), K Mershall
(GB), 76: A Munt (Aus), S Little (SA), D CoeJones (Car), B Burhowsky-Scherbek, 77: P
Sinn (S Kor), G Greham (Can). 80: H
Dobson (GB).

ROWING

DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE (Landon Bridge to Chelsea? 1. R G Coleman (Ladywell) 25min 45sec; 2. M E Mays (Erth); 3. M Hickmen (Melling); 4. M D Spanswick (Mitchem), 5. W R Easterling (Blackheath); 6. D J Bum (Rochester) Cutter Race: 1. Watermen's Company; 2, Pot of London Authority; 3, The City Barge, 4, Fishmenger's Company; 5, Company of Master Marliners.

RUGBY LEAGUE

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSI-8P: Sydney Tigers 10, Canberra Raiders 28. **RUGBY UNION** STUDENT WORLD CUP: Third-place play-off: Argentina 42 Scotland 19.

SAILING

CORIC: Ford Week: Sigms 33 national chemolonship (positions after seven races with one discard): 1, St. Joan (S. Pander); 2, Procente I, Jand H. Connelly; 3, Vendeval (D. Wilson); 4, Sigmatic III (D. Bonner); 5, Harmony IJ Vines). Other class leaders (Class S. Silk 2; IJ Waller). Class 1: Innovision III (M. Mich. Aulier). Class 2: Bengal Magic (B. Staw). Class 2: Michight Express (T. Murphy). Class 4: J. H. N. (J. Nesbet). Class 5: Owl. (P. Bruce). Class 8: Obsession (B.

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SHOOTING

BISLEY: Elcho Chaffenge Shield (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200yds, learns of eight): 1, England 1861 1630ts (I Pugsley 217 24), 2, Scotland 1656, 152 (W Meldrum 214.24); 3, Ireland 1555, 111 (P Cheriton 203.20); 4, Wales 1553, 107 (H Morley 201). Ashburton Shield Schools Rifle Championship: 1, Sedbergh 461pts; 2, Epsom 453, 3, Oakham 443, 4, Victoria College, Joney 437; 5, Campbel College, Belhast 437, 6, Uppngham 436; 7, Sufton Valence 435, 8, RGS Galidrord 433; 9, Bradfield 431; 10, Malvern 431 Cadet Peins; 1, Cheltenham (20pts, 2, George Heriot's 119; 3, Dollar Academy 222 pts; 2, George Heriot's 227; 3, Cheltenham 220 Green Howards Country Life Cup (200 yds); RGS Galidrord 255pts, Cottestoe Veise (Small Cadet Corps; Sedbergh 439); Schools Veiseards Thoptry (H Isams); 1, Old Mattourians, 246,34pts; 2, Uppingham Veisrans 246,31; 3, Bradfield 244,34, Dutwich Cup; Bradfield 243, 3, Bradfield 244,34, Dutwich Cup; Bradfield 243, 3, Bradfield 244,34, Dutwich Cup; Bradfield 247,37, Bradfield 247,37, Bradfield 247,37, Bradfield 247,37, 30 (B Bradfieldiens 234,22, Veiterans 256,15pts; 2, Uppingham Veierans 238,21; 3, Old Bradfieldiens 234,22, Veiterans 256,15pts; 2, Uppingham Veierans 238,21; 3, Old Bradfieldiens 234,22, Veiterans 256,15pts; 2, Uppingham Veierans 238,21; 3, Old Bradfieldiens 234,22, Veiterans 256,15pts; 2, Uppingham Veierans 238,21; 3, Old Bradfieldiens 234,22, Veiterans 256,15pts; 2, Uppingham Veierans 256,25pts; 2, Bradfield 275,2; 3, Welling- Cup; 1, Epsom 777,79ts; 2, Bradfield 715,2; 3, Welling- Cup; 1, CodRE (Nortolk) 255,90; 3, Jensey 618,84.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 44 Evener 52; Shelfield 57 Eastbourne 45; powich 57 Reeding 39; London 52 Bradford 44.

PALERIMO: Women's tournament: Second round: J Kandarı (Ger) wo P Kanstra (Holl): S Dopter (Austral) to F Pertetti (fil. 6-4, 6-1; B Schett (Austria) bt A Glass (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; S de la Ville (Bel) bt I Spirica (Flori) 5-7, 7-6, disq.

(Ger) bi A Lemere (US) 6-2, 8-1
FRINTON-ON-SEA: LTA Reebolk Tour:
Cuarter-finals: Men: P Welesse (Kerd) bit G
Seffery (Berisshire) 6-4, 7-5, J Fox (Lincoln-shire) bit S. Jeckson (Cheshire) 8-1, 6-4; J
Layne (Hentlordshire) bit D Ireland (Leices-tershire) 7-8, 8-3; M Wyeth (Surrey) bit C
Bernett (Hentlord and Worcentershire) 6-4, 6-4. Women: T Price (SA) bit C Lyte (West
McKlends) 6-2, 6-2; N Egoroue (Russ) bit F
Hearn (McKlesse) 6-3, 6-1; S Murror (Aus)
bit E Burton (Aus) 6-2, 6-3; T Semara (US) bit
E Langley (Shropshire) 6-4, 6-0.

Rose) Class 7: Hurntress (P Byrne), Class 8: Phaeton (C Doherty), Class 9: St Joan, Class 10: Highlander (B Logari) Class 11: Lemon (Roche, Dtx and Power), Class 12: Ptg's Eye (K Stater).

STUTTGART: Men's tournement: Third round: M Gölner (Ger) bt D RM (C2) 6-0. 6-3: T Muster (Austria) bt G Blanco (Sp) 6-3. 6-0. A Bernanlegui (Sp) bt B Ulvirach (C2) 6-7. 6-1. 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Gustarsson (Swe) 8-3. 6-1; A Vollev (Fluss) bt S Edberg (Swe) 2-6. 6-4. 6-3: A Corretja (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 6-4. 6-3: Y Katleriskov (Fluss) bt M Tilletrom (Swe) 6-3. 7-6. F Mentific (Sp) bt M Larieson (Swe) 6-3. 7-6. F Mentific (Sp) bt M Larieson (Swe) 5-7. 6-4. 7-5. Cutarter-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-2. 6-4. A Corretja (Sp) bt A Voltov (Russ) 6-4. 6-3: A Berassingui (Sp) bt M Gölner (Ger) 8-4. 6-2. Y Katleriskov (Russ) bt F Mantifa (Sp) 2-8. 8-0. 6-2. P UlbSBURY: Manchester Challenger:

2-8, 8-0, 6-2.

DIDSBURY: Manchester Challenger:
Men's singles: Second round: O Burneza
(Sp) bt C Wittenson (GB) 3-8, 6-2, 7-6, F
Witter (Holl) bt C Haggard (SA) 7-6, 6-2, L
Retmann (Ger) bt D Sapstord (GB) 6-4, 3-6,
6-3; P Tramacohi (Aus) bt R Schuttler (GB) 6-4, 3-6,
6-3; P Tramacohi (Aus) bt R Schuttler (GB) bt R
vasek (CB) 6-3, 2-6, M Petchey (GB) bt R
vasek (CB) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; N Gould (GB) bt N
Behr (Isr) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; B Elwood (Aus) bt D
Norman (Bel) 7-6, 7-5

FRINTON-ON-SEA: LTA women's satellité tournement: Quarter-finais: S-A Saddai (GB) bt A Brege! (Ger) 6-2, 6-2, P Nelson (US) bt H Cook (GB) 4-5, 8-1, 6-2; 3 Indemin! (t) bt G Niland (he) 7-6, 7-5; S de Beer (SA) bt A Jensen (Aus) 6-3, 6-3.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tourna-ment: Second round: J Chi (US) wo H Sultova (C2): L Raymond (US) bi N Louersabinki (Russ) 6-4, 6-3, A Huber (Ger) bi A Lettlere (US) 6-2, 8-1

Landau, said yesterday. ham until 2003 - seeking that they will come up with the cash," he said. "I've said all along there is the potential for the game to expand down here as we proved in the World Cup

and will prove again in the Super League." The promotion of South Wales, based in Cardiff, will take effect from next season. with 13 clubs contesting an expanded division. South Wales will enter the transfer market this summer with a shopping list of big-name players in league and rugby union, with Rupert Moon. Jonathan Callard and Neil

Jenkins at the top of the list. Bradford Bulls must do their best to maintain interest in this year's campaign by winning a difficult game at Warrington this evening. Victory is essential against the side one place below them in the Super League if the Bulls are to maintain a credible challenge for the title, but Warrington have some of the best young players in the game.

RUGBY UNION

Lawyer enters the fray for debenture holders

1F RUGBY Football Union (RFU) officers fail to prevent England's threatened expulsion from the five nations' championship when they meet their opposite numbers from Scotland, Ireland and Wales in Cardiff next Tuesday, a Manchester law firm is preparing to take up cudgels on behalf of angry Twickenham debenture holders (David Hands writes).

"The people I represent are, like me, keen rugby players and followers and they are concerned that their investment in, primarily, five nations' games could be lost." Ian Austin, a partner in the solicitors firm of Halliwell

Austin has already written to the RFU on behalf of Rose debenture holders - who are entitled to seats at Twicken-

reassurance that England's expulsion is "mere speculation". He is unimpressed by the two-paragraph response from the RFU's solicitors.

The RFU has pursued a strategy which, if they continue with it, may result in their being kicked out," Austin said, referring to the broadcasting agreement the union has made with satellite television. "We take the view that this conduct places (the union) in breach of implied or collateral terms or warranties of the debentures and effectively results in the RFU seeking to derogate from their grant."

Austin believes his clients could be entitled to substantiai damages if Twickenham no longer hosts five nations' internationals and he expects other debenture holders to take action if Tuesday's meeting fails to resolve the issue.

GOLF: SECOND SUCCESSIVE ROUND OF 68 KEEPS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FAVOURITE IN STRONG POSITION TO MOUNT CHALLENGE

Faldo relishes new role as people's choice

SEVE. the people's champion? Try another name for size -Nick Faldo. Faldo has not quite conquered the golf course at Lytham this week. although he is working on it. but it is beyond doubt that he has won over the folk behind the ropes. He has never been more popular on this side of the Atlantic — and he is patently enjoying every second

Faldo has long been recognised as the dedicated professional, the master grinder, the constant seeker of perfection. For most of his professional life, he has also been an infuriating mixture of openness, suspicion, charm, gracelessness and 1,001 other contradictions.

Those who know him well talk of his constancy as a friend, of a wicked sense of humour at the dinner table, and yet the public perception of him has remained guarded in the extreme. An easy man to respect, perhaps, but at once one who is difficult to like very much. Well, something has happened, and the result is a new-found and mutuallyenioved affection beyond player and spectators. Even he admitted, after his second 68 the championship

134; P McCanley 69, 65, T Lehman (US)

135: J Nickiaus (US) 69, 66, P Hedblorn (Swe) 70, 65; E Els (SA) 68, 67

138: V Singh (Fiji) 69, 67; C Pavin (US)
70, 66; N Faido 68, 68; M
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L Roberts (US) 67, 69

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"They have given me a wonderful reception" he said. They were egging me on all the way round, and in trying to do something for them I was getting aggressively frus-



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trated out there at times. I am enjoying it very much - they have created a great atmo-sphere and that is what we want. It makes the adrenalin flow, and it is great to try to do it for them. When there are 20,000 cheering for you, it's quite moving. It is impossible to keep totally calm, but that's

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yesterday, that he had been all right - I am very grateful to everybody." To be fair, the gallery who

grabbed his coat-tails and were whistled along like child-ren behind the Pied Piper had something to cheer about. With no more than 24 inches of luck on his side, he could easily have had many more birdies than the four he got, so narrowly did he miss shotsaving putts at seven of the 14 holes from the 4th.

For the second day running, he played the much more troublesome back nine holes very well: perhaps the extra degree of difficulty in the home stretch brings out the best in this most singular of Lytham has been at its most

defenceless this week; again there was barely a whisper of wind to disturb the buckthorn trees for the duraton of Faldo's round. On a calm day, even the greatest of links courses are vulnerable to attack. Attack Faldo did, from the moment he strode purposefully up the first fairway with that characteristic, slightly stiff-legged walk of his, looking not a little unlike a younger Harrison Ford. On this day, however. Lytham was no Temple of Doom for Faldo's Indiana Jones.

His first birdie came on the 4th, where he hit a marvellous second shot in to seven feet and made the putt. Two holes later he rescued an unusuallywayward tee shot with the second and third strokes of a maestro. A birdie was the result - to many, a bogey or worse might have been the punishment.

The 10th was brought to its knees with a 20-foot putt after another fine mid-wedge shot and his only failure came on the short 12th where he threeputted from 40 feet for a bogey. His final punishing act in a clinical display of aggressive golf came on the loth, where he holed from 25 feet.

Faldo is obviously in good heart - "I am judging the bounce well on the course, and giving myself lots of chances; that is the key for the weekend," he said — and he will take some stopping in the last two rounds. He is committed to attack - his people on the other side of the thin yellow line that divides them will not

settle for less. ☐ Bernhard Langer withdrew from the championship before the second round after a shoulder injury contributed to his poor first-round score



Faldo, who has won the backing of the crowd at Royal Lytham this week, lines up a putt on the 17th yesterday

Player proves short on finesse

t was a vertically chal-lenged three-ball with a Patricia Davies sees three of golf's little big men experience contrasting fortunes

ready-made theme song. ian Woosnam, Gary Player and Corey Pavin, who would just about make one Nick Faldo between them if inches were the yardstick, are not tall by any stretch of a definition. They were undoubtedly just the size of person Randy Newman, the towering American songwriter, had in mind when he wrote Short People, a funny if disparaging ditty

population who failed to After the tiny trio's outing at Royal Lytham yesterday, Pavin, an insubstantial-looking 5ft 9in, reckoned the book makers would give long odds

against him ever being the

tallest man in a group.

Yet with II major championships between them, they stand tall. Player, at 60 an increasingly stooped 5ft 7in (as a youngster he did exercises in an effort to extend himself), has nine of them, including three Open titles, the last of which he won here

. An opening 71, level par, led

to hopes that the fabled black knight of the fairways (dressed in Air Force blue yesterday) might make the cut for the second successive year, but, after going out in 34, one under par, his sec-

catalogue of bogeys — seven in all and a total of 147 was too much. Even the farned

golden touch from sand was more a ietai version in that he got up

and down from bunkers only once in seven attempts. Admittedly, most of the bunkers at Lytham are fearsome holes into which even a Player of standing is prone to disappear from view, but it was still a shock to see him airmail the green from a greenside bunker at the 6th and finish under the stand. Some of his later bunker shots drew warm applause but only one, from a pot at the 8th green, led to a

All the way round, Player fretted about the crowd, the marshals, the scorers, the big Swede who raked the bunkers, the odd journalist scribbling,

the television They stand soundman, the tall with radio people nothing was to his satisfaction. Newll majors man's line about "little voices going among them'

> came to mind. "He's got peripheral vision," the referee, who sported a smart pair of New Zealand Golf Association cuff links. explained sympathetically. "He's so rude," was a less kindly opinion. "What a prima donna. "The other two just get on with it."

Perhaps it was a small man's Napoleonic tendency a penchant to be in control. Or

Player could just have been out-of-sorts. "I've been playing badly for three weeks," he said. "I can't put my finger on it. It's a little bit of paralysis by analysis." And with that, he

headed off to the practice Woosnam, the shortest of them all at 5ft 412 in but the most powerful, just went home. The little Welsh dragon (a fan's description) with the Hippo bag, Maxili DP 30 Australian blade irons, wayward driver and balky putter needed the breaks after his hack-along eight at the 17th on Thursday and he did not get them. He matched Player's 147 with a hard-fought 72 and it was left to Pavin, the US Open winner last year, to boost the shorty challenge with a 66 that featured seven

"It's just as well he can putt," someone said unkindly, but Pavin, with all his mannerisms, kept out of trouble, a tall order around here. Of course, he also had the ultimate in height advantage: his caddie, Eric Schwarz, is 6ft

Lost touch cuts cot down to size

BY MEL WEBB

IF COLIN Montgomerie had won the Open Championship this week and Greg Norman failed to finish either second or third. Montgomerie would have gone to the top of the Sony world rankings. As it transpired, making the cut was not even on the agenda for Montgomerie, let alone winning.

Montgomerie. European No I for the past three years, had a 74 to add to his firstround 73 and his total of 147, five over par, saw him four shots over the cut mark.

"It just happens," he said disconsolately. "I tend to leave my worst rounds of the golf year to the third week in July. But I must not worry. It has not hurt me before and it won't hurt me this time."

Montgomerie said the longest putt her had holed in two days was one of 312 feet at the 6th on Thursday. Was it my main problem? he said. "What do you think?" It was with a sort of sad

predictability that Severiano Ballesteros made an early departure - his total of 152, ten over par, was 14 shots worse than when he won the title the last time the championship came to Lytham in 1988. "The reaction of the spectators was the only positive thing about this week." he said. They were very special. on every hole, every tee, every green. I tried my best, but it just did not happen. Every-

thing went wrong. "I played well for the first six holes but then nothing went right. But I must be patient. keep working on my game and one day it will come back. It is disappointing to miss the cut in the Open, but when it happens at Lytham it hurts that bit more."

Among other notables to wend their way dejectedly from the Fylde last night were Ian Woosnam, Gary Player, winner at Lytham in 1974, and Sam Torrance. The damage was done to Woosnam's chances when he had a dougble-bogey six and a quadruple bogey eight in his 75 in the first round. Player finished on the same mark of five over par and Torrance dropped four shots in three holes from the isin vesterday.

Sergio Garcia, 16, the European amateur champion, saw his tournament come to an end when he had a 73 for a 36hole total of 149. But Garcia will still take fond memories of his first Open Championship away with him. On Thursday evening, he was all smiles as he posed for a photograph with his family and friends on the steps of the Royal Lytham

FOOTBALL: CHAMPIONS AGREE HIGHER FEE FOR CZECH INTERNATIONAL

United close to sealing Poborsky deal

By DAVID MADDOCK

KAREL POBORSKY, the Czech Republic midfield play-er, will fly into England early next week to complete his transfer to Manchester United for an increased fee of £4

million. Maurice Watkins, United's legal director, confirmed yesterday that lengthy and, at times, frustrating negotiations were near to completion.

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in Manchester early next week, he said. The deal was delayed when Slavia Prague, Poborsky's club, received an offer more lucrative than the E3.5 million United had originally agreed. Poborsky is likely to make his debut in a pre-

weekend. His arrival could signal the

end of Lee Sharpe's career at Old Trafford. The England winger had discussions with Alex Ferguson, the United manager, over his future last season and the arrival of Poborsky puts him under more pressure. Tottenham Hotspur and Coventry City are monitoring developments and Tottenham have made a formal inquiry. Coventry yesterday signed Michael O'Neill, the Hibernian wing-

> One player who will not be at White Hart Lane to wel-come Sharpe, should he ar-rive, is Erik Thorstvedt, who was due to link up with Wolverhampton Wanderers today at their training camp in Salzburg. The 33-year-old Norway international goalkeeper is expected to finalise his free transfer as the first division club prepares for a tour of Austria and Germany. Bogdon Stelea, who played for Romania in the European

er, for £300,000.

championship, is another indemand international goal-keeper. Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, is hoping to give Stelea, who is out of contract at Steaua Bucharest. a permanent home at Roker Park after he impressed during a loan spell.

In the High Court, the action by Peter Gilman, the Leeds United vice-chairman, against Bill Fotherby, the club's chief executive, and Lesley Silver, its former chairman, was held over until Monday. Gilman is contesting the sale of the club to the Caspian group.

Dan McCauley, the chairman of Plymouth Argyle, is selling the club. He is, he said. weary of the criticism he has endured.

Moncassin steals Zabel's limelight

CYCLING

By Our Sports Staff

FREDERIC MONCASSIN won a close mass sprint to record his second stage victory of this year's Tour de France yesterday. Moncassin, of France, narrowly beat Erik Zabel, of Germany, and Fabio Baldato, of Italy, into second and third place at the end of the nineteenth stage, a flat, 226.5-kilometre ride from Hendaye.

Zabei had victory in sight.

but the 27-year-old from Toulouse rushed past him in the final few metres to win by half a wheel. Moncassin, who had won the first stage on June 30 in the Dutch city of Den Bosch, had been overshadowed since by the powerful Zabel, winner of two stages in Nogent-sur-Oise and Gap. The Frenchman took his revenge in style by depriving Zabel of a second successive win in the stage in

Bordeaux. The outcome brought no changes to the leading overall standings. Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, is still firmly in command two days before the end of the race in Paris on Sunday. Riis received his fresh yellow jersey from the French Prime Minister. Alain Juppé, who is the mayor of Bordeaux, However, it was not just the finish that was being talked about after the finish.

A local rugby team spiced up the middle section of the stage when they paraded along the route equipped with only fig leaves as protection against the sun.

Riis still holds a comfortable lead of 3min 59sec over Jan Ullrich, of Germany. Riis, 32, has little to fear from the 63.5-

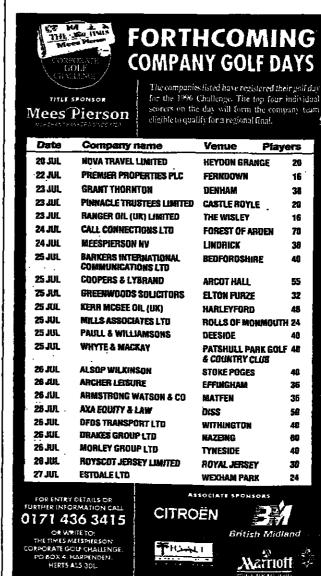
kilometre time-trial from Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion today and the traditional final parade on the Champs-Elysées tomorrow should see him crowned as the first Dane to win the race.

Yesterday's ride, in stifling heat through the Landes forest, came to life in the last 40 kilometres when Gilles Talmant, of France, and Marc Wauters, of Belgium, man-aged to escape. They built a lead of up to two minutes but the sprinters' team-mates then led the chase and reined them in five kilometres from home. "I arrived a bit later than I

wanted to but it didn't matter in the end." Moncassin said. "I stayed behind the other sprinters because I felt good and I knew I could finish strongly. I'm delighted to win here. The Bordeaux stage is often one for sprinters and I certainly want-

ed to fare well in it."

Riis, who stayed safely within the pack, said he would love to underline his dominance Tour by winning today's stage. I have better morale than the other riders and it would be a good way of finishing the Tour," he said. He can expect little trouble from the last stage in Paris, which usually ends in a sprint ☐ Eddy Merckx, five times a winner of the Tour, was made a baron in Belgium's National Day honours list vesterday. Mereky, who retired 18 years ago, was granted the honour by King Albert.



GOLF: IMPRESSIVE HARRINGTON EARNS HIGH PRAISE AS AMERICANS MOUNT POWERFUL CHALLENGE IN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

nog Couples tops bill with mixture of magic and farce

available for interview last night, which did not surprise anybody. After a brush-up and change of costume, he went off to Blackpool's North Pier, where, at the "second house", he performed feats that would have thrilled the mysterious Mr Kite the Beatles used to sing about. The audience was still calling for more at midnight.

Lucky punters, you might think, to see such a harlequin at work - except he had already given a spiffing show over 18 holes six miles down the road. In view of what unfolded on the second afternoon of this Championship. Couples should really have been introduced on the 1st tee by Leonard Sachs, complete with gavel and preposterous adjectives. It was a performance and a half and it is doubtful that even he knows how he managed to complete it without either bursting with

laughter or weeping buckets. The facts reveal that he went round in 70, one under par. and now stands at five under overall. It is a respectable position and he may improve t considerably today, but, for four hours yesterday, under another baking sun. he added to the gailety of the galleries with an eye-popping turn. He really ought to have played an extra hole as an encore.

He went out just as Jack Nicklaus came in and his morning hopes were of keeping the Stars and Stripes flying high. What little he knew! The previous day, he gave voice to the thought "I like it rough" and, if the course and conditions could not





At Royal Lytham and St Annes

oblige him, the valkyries that guard golfers took him exactly at his word.

In the first three holes, he dropped three shots and looked like a man who had reached for the sugar and put salt in his tea. Amazingly, he got them back in the next two holes, with an eagle at the parlive 7th after a six-iron got him within five feet of the pin. This was giddy stuff. Couples could make no more sense of it than Mark McCumber or Padraig Harrington, fellow travellers on this magic carpet ride.

At the 10th, he sank a 20-foot putt and after 13 holes he had rallied magnificently to go seven under. Yet bogies on the 15th and 17th holes cost him a glorious chance to cut into the lead Nicklaus and others had built, no matter how hard he rattled those chains. It was an ordinary end to an extraordi-

future. With his approach shot to

ball rebounding on to the green. "I thought it was flying right through the window. and into someone's beer!" he jested. Actually, it missed a crouching figure by 18 inches, no more, and it anybod suggests I was sleeping I shall take Imran Khan's route to the High Court.

It was a memorable day and, with Nicklaus playing like a man half his years, Els ready to charge and Faldo poised like a big cat, it is shaping up to be a memorable Open - though, in their different ways, they all are. Amazing Mr Couples can pull off today.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Camberley v Reading (3.0); Carle v Manchester City (7.30); Macclesfield v Chester (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: National Time Trial Series (fourth round, 31 miles, lot/eton, 3.0). Brough Wheelers Ten Miles (North Cave, 2.0). GOLF: Open Championship (Poyal Lythern and St. August)

looking dog-tired. McCumber was also a dis-

appointed man. Birdies at the 2nd, 5th, 6th, 11th and 12th holes took him nine under, but he dropped shots on four of the last six to finish on 69, six under for the tournament. "It's not the way you want to finish." he said later. "but those are testing holes. If you'd said I'd be six-under and in the top ten after 36 holes, J'd have definitely taken it.

The Americans all want to play well here, just like the top Europeans all want to do well when they come to play majors in America. Golf is now an international game. I love playing in Scotland and England and I played with a young Irishman today who has a lot of talent."

Harrington, a 24-year-old Dubliner, is 20 years younger than the man who spoke of him in such warm tones. It was evident from the easy way the players mixed on the course that they were enjoying themselves and Harrington has hardly suffered by comparison in his first Open alongside these magnanimous Americans. When he sank a birdie at the 12th from 15 feet, McCumber openly applauded his audacity. That was the spirit in which this threesome was conducted.

"I couldn't have asked for two nicer guys to play with," Harrington said. He chipped into the 18th hole from a bunker to bring down the curtain on a bizarre, enthralling round. With his youthful looks and straw boater, he resembled a sap from Salad Days, but there was nothing the ingénue about his golf. He, too, is six under par and can sleep easy, for he has put down a marker for the

the final hole, McCumber struck the clubhouse wall, the

to several hours' worth of telephone calls to Pete Egoscue, an anatomical functionalist in San Diego. To be with Nicklaus, who started just after 8.30 vesterday morning, was to be taken back in time. The years peeled Now let's see what stunts The away like onion skins. You could not believe that this man was 56 because he was

playing as if he was 26. He rapped in putts with confi-dence and, though his pitching and chipping were once the weakest parts of his game. on this glorious sunlit morning he pitched with the touch of a Severiano Ballesteros.

Egoscue, a former Marine with an expert knowledge of the body, was the man who had got Nicklaus's back out of a series of spasms on Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Nicklaus has conyears, and after the two long telephone calls before Nicklaus's first round, he received a 20-page fax from Egoscue yesterday morning.

From the start, Nicklaus looked more relaxed than he had the previous day and when he bit his first shot to six feet and holed the putt, it was clear it was going to be a round of some consequence. Nicklaus is at heart a conservative and he used his driver

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on the outward half only on the two long holes and on the 11th, 14th and 15th on the homeward half.

Though he gave up a lot of distance to Brand and Shigeki Maruyama, his playing partners, he outscored them both. It did not take long to realise why he kept his driver in his bag for most of the morning. He was uncertain with it. On

the 11th, he hooked his tee shot and was lucky to find his ball sitting up well. Only on the 15th did he hit a solid, and straight, drive, and then his ball ran into a bunker.

To watch Montgomerie one day and Nicklaus the next was to be reminded of the virtues of the latter that the former could adopt. Nicklaus was at ease with himself, a performer on stage, in com-mand of everything. He was completely focused on the eyesight meant that he could

not always see it. As he drove on the 12th he ignored the noise of spectators passing by in the copse around the members tee. As he attempted to hole a ninefoot putt on the 13th, one that caught the side of the hole and veered away, he seemed oblivious to noise coming from the left of the green. Even when he hit a bad tee shot on the

11th he kept himself in check,

limiting his outburst to nothing more profane than: "Oh Jack! Good gracious."

When he was hunched over his putt on the 15th a train rattled along in the distance. Nicklaus did not flinch, his concentration seeming as great as Joyce Wethered's had been in a now famous golfing incident. A train passed the 17th at Sheringham as she putted in the 1921 English Amateur. "What train?" she replied, when asked if she had would benefit from some of Nicklaus's imperturbability.

Nicklaus's wish for today is to be able to get out of bed with two feet on the ground and remain like that. The wish of everyone who followed him yesterday, and a good many who did not, is that he can play in his third round as he did in his second. Yesterday, Nicklaus lit up the Open. Yesterday, Nicklaus was a hero once again.



Couples offers a helping hand to an attempted birdie putt yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Super League

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courty Open Championship (Royal Lytham and St Annas).

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PRE-SEASON MATCH: Stramock Hearts (8.0) OTHER SPORT

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GOLF: Open Championship (Royal Lytham) and SI Annas;
MOTORCYCLING: British Grand Prox (Donington Past).
SPEEDWAY: Pramier League: Peterborough v Scottish Monarchs (5.30).
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Benson guides Ireland to European success

By JOHN HOPKINS

s Jack Nicklaus walked into the

amphitheatre of the

18th green and acknowledged

the standing ovation he re-

ceived from spectators in the tiered grandstands on both

sides, one wondered which

was the greater: his golf or his

After a delightful morning's

golf, Nicklaus had a short putt

for a 65, six under par, which

for the lead with Paul

McGinley. Yet the fact that he

was able to play at all was due

telephone bill?

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IRELAND won the inaugural European cricket championship yesterday when they overcame Holland by three wickets in a tense final in Brondby, Denmark (David Townsend writes). Justin Benson, the Ireland captain, appeared to be leading his side to a comfortable victory after his bowlers had restricted the Dutch to 223 for nine from 50 overs.

Decker Curry, who claimed three for 33 with his off spin, then filled the role of "pinch-hitter", striking nine boundaries in a rapid 55, and, with Benson hitting two sixes on his way to 79. the target had been reduced to 81 from 25 overs. An aggressive speil of medium-pace bowling by Tim de Leede had the Irish stumbling, but Ryan Eagleson saw them home with 21 not out.

Champions in the money

FOOTBALL: Clubs competing in the European Cup Champions' League received substantial pay rises yesterday as Uefa, the sport's European governing body, announced a series of increases in prize-money for the coming season.

The teams reaching the final will see the biggest increase, with each receiving SFr 4 million (about £2 million), about 14

per cent more than Juventus and Ajax received last season.

Fulton fit to play

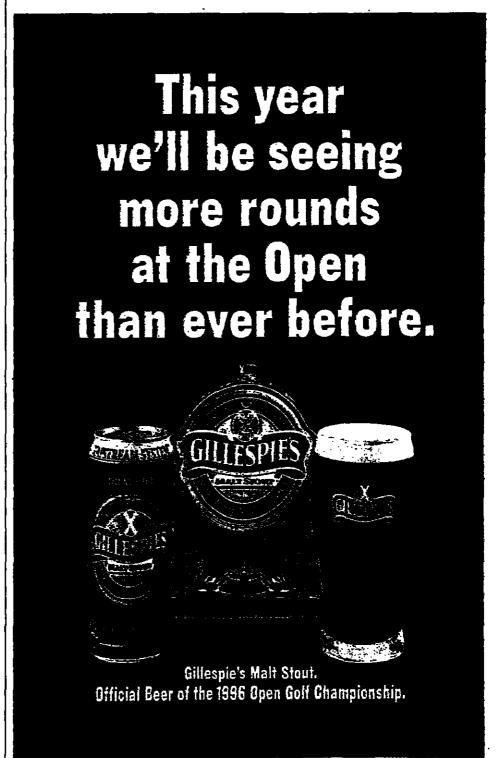
CRICKET: Kent, the county championship leaders, will field their strongest side available for the Tetley Bitter Challenge against the Pakistanis, starting at Canterbury today. David Fulton, the Kent opening batsman, has recovered from a virus. Devon Malcolm, the former England fast bowler, will turn out for Werneth, the Central Lancashire League team, in the derby with Oldham, today.

Cardiff keep Davies

RUGBY UNION: Cardiff have rejected Llanelli's offer to sign their former stand-off half, Jonathan Davies. Llanelli had hoped Cardiff would release the former Wales union and league captain to play at stand-off and become backs coach. Davies has failed to make the expected impact at Cardiff since his switch from Warrington rugby league club last season.

Ogre hit target

RIFLE SHOOTING: The Old Greshamians Rifle Establishment (Ogre) won the Astor County Championship Cup at Bisley yesterday with 625 points out of a possible 630, the highest score ever made for the event. Surrey, represented by the Old Epsomians RC, made the same total, but Ogre won by 91 V-bulls to 90.





Nicklaus doffs his cap in acknowledgement of the gallery's standing ovation at the 18th hole yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Sublime Nicklaus rolls back the years

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Secret Combe can pay rich dividend for Makin's team

WHEN Secret Combe did the splits and went lame just before going through the sales ring as a yearling at Goffs in Ireland last year, the omens were not good. Sure enough. her breeders were forced to buy her back for a lowly 1r3,000 guineas.

However, the bargain-basement price for the Mujadil filly could prove to be a blessing in disguise at Newbury today when she lines up for the £50,000-added Weatherbys Super Sprint, in which the weights are allocated according to the sale price of the runners.

Peter Makin, who is enjoying an excellent season from his yard at Ogbourne Maisey. in Wiltshire, bought Secret Combe unseen, having enjoyed success with her halfbrother, Gone For A Burton. and the speed she showed at home in the spring more than justified his hunch

On her seasonal debut at Bath three weeks ago, when she was well backed, Seb Saunders was caught napping and pipped by a Richard Hannon runner coming up his blind side. However, there was no mistake when she won by eight lengths in a decent time at Folkestone ten days ago over six furlongs.
She showed enough speed

at Folkestone and Bath to suggest she should be all right over five furlongs." Makin said yesterday. "She is by no means a good thing, which everybody is telling me she is. but I hope she runs a big

In previous years this race has been won by such speedy types as Lyric Fantasy, Paris RICHARD **EVANS**



on Newbury's feature race today

House and Brief Glimpse, but today's renewal looks to be

below average. The event looks set up for a lightly-raced horse open to more improvement rather than logical form choices, such as the consistent Magical

Times or Young Bigwig. Richard Hannon has an excellent record in this race and is represented by Fanny's Choice, who beat Passiflora, a

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HELLO (2.00 Newbury) Next best: Aquado (6.35 Warwick)

Nap: BUBBLE WINGS (3.00 Yarmouth tomorrow) Next best: Blue Duster

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ing readily at Windsor 19 days ago. She should go well but is not particularly well drawn. From her plum draw near the stand rail, Secret Combe can

oblige.
On a day when solid betting opportunities appear to be thin on the ground, Averti is worth a second glance at Newbury (3.05). The Willie Muir-trained

sprinter has benefited from an operation to improve his breathing and won with plenty in hand on supposedly unsuitable ground at Haydock recently.

Although drawn low, the big field should enable Brent Thomson to track over to the far rail where the ground is

Roy Bowring is having a particularly good year and he has sound prospects of completing a double at Warwick. Chadwell Hall goes particularly well at the Midlands track, having won and finished runner-up during two visits there this season.

The speedy five-year-old. who ran better than his finishing position indicates in a more competitive race at York over six furlongs last week. can oblige in the capable hands of Colin Teague in the finale (9.05).

In the opening race on the evening card (6.35), another Bowring hope, Aquado, looks an interesting proposition now that he tackles seven furlongs. Significantly, the seven-year-old is reunited with Derek Denby, who has been successful on him twice before, and he can collect this



Green Perfume lowered the course record when fending off Everglades in the Watermill Conditions Stakes at Newbury yesterday

ls to appeal against Doncaster ban

By JULIAN MUSCAT

RICHARD HILLS is to appeal against the three-day riding suspension that threatens to sideline him for Pentire's assault on the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. Should his appeal be dismissed, Michael Roberts will deputise aboard the four-year-old at Ascot a week today.

Hills, deemed to have ridden carelessly at Doncaster on Wednesday, reviewed videos of the incident before initiating the appeal. He studied his riding of Polinesso with his father, Barry, who trains the horse, and Andrew Chalk, the solicitor who will front the appeal at the Jockey Club on Wednesday.

Should the disciplinary committee consider the appeal frivolous, Hills

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runs the risk of having his ban extended into Glorious Goodwood. The suspension at present runs from July 26-29 and Goodwood comm-

ences the following day.

The jockey said yesterday: "It looked like a 50-50 decision and I'm hoping to get the benefit of the doubt. I didn't think it was bad, so much so that I hardly noticed it at the time. If anything. I felt it was a minor offence and maybe two days would have been more appropriate." It was the jockey's third transgression of the season after two previous incidents of irresponsible riding.

A two-day ban, the minimum sanction, would have entitled Hills to claim the exemption available on group one race days. But Geoff Wragg, who trains Pentire, has insured against Hills losing his appeal. "Michael Roberts will ride the horse in his final piece of work at the weekend," Wragg said.

"Pentire is in very good shape." Wragg continued. "He is a game little horse and I don't think a change of rider would be a problem." Pentire has been installed favourite to head off the challenge of Shaamit, whom Hills rode to win the Derby at Epsom. Pat Eddery takes over aboard Shaamit in the mid-summer championship event over 12 furlongs.

Hills came in for a dream spare ride at Newbury yesterday when he partnered Cinema Paradiso for Paul Cole in the EBF Ecchinswell Stakes. Cole also saddled the better fancied Olivo but Cinema Paradiso, racing against the stand rail, obliged at odds of 14-1 from the odds-on debutant.

Cole wasted little time in adding to his tally when Green Perfume lowered the track record in the Watermill Conditions Stakes over an extended seven furlongs. Green Perfume has rebutted the maxim that horses never come back, although in this colt's case, his loss of form was because of a viral complaint rather than any physical injury.

Green Perfume, who chased home Pennekamp in the Dewhurst Stakes 21 months ago, fully merits his elevation to pattern company in the Hungerford Stakes here next month. 'He was an ill horse when he ran in the 2,000 Guineas," Cole said. "His owner wasn't very well and it was his ambition to have a runner, so we pushed him and it finished him for the year." The four-year-old is certainly back on the scent now.

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2.10 Floating Line

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2.10 FOOD BROKERS-GLOYSTARNE HANDICAP

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19	230-30-6 SUCAR MRL 15 (F. F. Caschigy) Mrs All Reveley 6-8-11 ... A Calibrate (2)
10	230-30-6 SUCAR MRL 15 (F. F. Caschigy) Mrs All Reveley 6-8-11 ... M Wigham 96
20	20-440 FLOATING LINE 7 (C.F.G.S) (G Lose) E Alston 8-8-10 ... M Wigham 96
20	200-366 DOUBLE ECHO 16 (F.G.S) (Mrs J Land) Berleil 8-7-10 ... G Barthwell 96
20	204-335 BLAZON OF TROY 21 (F.) (D Wilson) I Thomson Jones 7-7-10 ... F Lynch (3) 95 p: Blazon Ol Troy 7-8.

BETTING: 7-2 Top Caes. 4-1 Well Arranged, 5-1 Brandon Court, Sugar Mid. 6-1 Casual Water. 8-1 others. 1995 COLLEGE DON 4-8-9 D R McCabe (11-2) M Bushty 8 ram

2.45 INVESCO HANDICAP (£4,854: 1m) (11 runners)

BETTINGS, 3-1 Handesley Hall, 5-1 Duella, 5-1 Admirals Flavre, 7-1 Buckade, 8-1 Toujous Rivera, Nationes, 10-Rise Up Singing, She's My Love, 16-1 William 20-1 Variborough Lad, 25-1 Bellos Gate Boy 1985: SHEER DANZIG 3-8-12 W R Sentoum (7-1) R Amistrong 13 van

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3.15 FOOD BROKERS APHRODITE STAKES

(Listed race: Fillies: £11,875: 1m 4f) (5 runners) (2) 2/20-4:22 JURAL 24 (C.G.S) (Godolphin) S but Saroor 4-9-2. (3) 3154 ALZASELLA 30 (G) (M Wauchape) J Hilis 3-8-4 4 (3) 211 PLACE DE L'OPERA 35 (D.F.G) (Chreatec Saud) H Cecil 3-8-4... A McGione 93 5 (1) 11-3234 SHEMOZZLE 14 (C.BF.F) (Lord Hertington) J Gosdan 3-8-4............ M Hills 📵 BETTING: 13-8 Place De L'Opera, 7-4 Shemozzie, 7-2 Aural, 12-1 Balatalita, 14-1 Alzabella. 1995: HAGWAH 3-8-4 M Roberts (15-2) 8 Hambury 5 ran

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D FEEL A LINE 9 (J Guthon) B Members 9-0
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(9) 42135 HOW LONG 9 (F) (Dr M Botts) L. Duman 9-4
(2) 3-55005 BRANDON MAGIC 14 (G.5.) (A Metapulson) 1 Bedding 9-3
(6) 12-4 SWATT RANDANISC) 60 (C.F) (M Arbbig) P Carle 9-2
(7) 0-21 MY LEWICA 56 (D.5.) (5 Kingdin) P Harts 9-13
(4) 22112 MORTH SOYS 21 (BBF 15) (1 Gorden) J Gooden 8-13
(70) 021-10 MISSEE 15 (D.8F F) (1 Gorden 8-11
(3) 021-10 MISSEE 15 (D.8F F) (1 Borgen W Harges 8-9
(11) 24-5007 MARIES 26 (D.F) (Hermonts Story) P Wahrun 6-5.
(1) 4-25 REALLY A DREAM 60 (P ProChard) M Shous 8-7
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5.20 CHEMIST BROKERS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O. £5.277. 5f) (4 runners)

(2) 011151 FOR OLD TRAES SAKE 15 (D.F.G.) (Mrs. 8 Busn; J. Benry 9-8 (3) 1101 ERRELLE 16 (D.F.G.S), (Mrs. J. Commell) C Despt. 8-11 (1) 1 EASYCALL 35 (D.G.) (Express Perfecting) B Methods 8-16 (4) 36 MELLOY 9 (Expr. of H Belderson) P Authory 8-10 BETTING: 7-4 For Gig Torses, Sale 5-2 Servelle 3-1 Sasyrall 4-1 Maliney

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NEWBURY 3.05 Branston Abby 3.35 SALMON LADDER (nap) 1.30 Smokev Pete

4.05 Mystic Hill

4.35 Game Ploy

2.00 Wolf Mountain 2.30 Secret Combe The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 2.30 SECRET COMBE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 IMPERIAL PRESIDENT (nap).

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1.30 doncaster bloodstock sales rose bowl BBC1 STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-0: £9,845: 61 8yd) (6 runners) (3) 10 SMOKEY PETE 56 (8F.P) (J Daws) R Hannon 9-0
(4) 1 OMAHA CITY 44 (f) (6 Gubby Lith B Gubby 8-11
(5) 01241 PELHAN 25 (D.F.6) (0 Luce-Smoth) R Hannon 8-11
(1) 311 VICTORY DANCER 12 (D.F.6) (A Cunifile) B Meeton 8-11
(2) 2 CITYSTAL CROSSING 23 (8F) (6 Sangset) P Chapple Hyan 8-6
(5) 21 HANGARYAH 42 (D.F. (8 A Makkoum) D Mortey 8-6

BETTING: 9-4 Halbanyah, 3-1 Crystal Crossing, 7-2 Smokey Pele, 4-1 Victory Danter, 6-1 Petham, 10-1 Ornata 1995: POLARES FLIGHT 8-11 J Rend (6-4) P Chappie Hyam 3 car

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WOLF MOUNTAIN 37 (89) (Lord Camerman) R Hennon 8-10.

KINSHIP (Lord Medictotic) P Chapple-Hyan 8-7. BETTING 5-4 World Mountains, 9-4 Helio 5-1 Impensal President, 5-1 Kinstrio, 7-1 Fletcher.

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2.30 WEATHERBYS SUPER SPRINT BBC1 (2-Y-O £57,040: 51 34yd) (15 runners) (2-Y-O \$57,040-51 34yd) (15 runners)

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304 (81 BEWITCHING LADY W County D Arbathoni 8-7 R Coctman 91
305 (13) 4 EPPECTATION 14 O S Raingly P Widdon 8-7 R Coctman 93
306 (6) 29122 MARGCAL TIMES 15 (D.F.) (Ms L Bert) R Boos 8-5 M Roberts 97
307 (7) 4122 YOUNG BERNING 31 (D.G.) (W Morent J Berry 8-6 J Cannol 93
308 (4) 31 FARRIY'S CHOICE 19 (S) of Altamad A Harroon 8-5 Dane O'Notil 98
309 (15) 0213 CLASS (DISTINCTION 23 (D.F.) (The EMA Partnersho) R Hannon 8-4 Rettam 93
310 (19) 51 Habo Over Helber 5 (D.F.) (Ms R Hannon 8-1 Dane O'Notil 98
311 (3) 91 MISS STAMPER 20 (D.F.) (J R Lebart Lad) R Harroon 8-1 Harrison 80
312 (2) SHAPP CRACALE PUP (J Short, W Wist/O Horn) R J Houghton 8-7 Paul Eddery - 313 (5) 661 CLARA BLES 47 (F) (G Cactropole) 9 Morens 8-7 Paul Eddery - 713 SEASIDE 56 (D.S.) (The 1997 Partnership) John Berry 7-13 A Mackay 93
315 (14) 21 SECRET COMBE 10 (G) (Releven Broodchick Lib) P Makin 7-13 S Senders 93
316-1 Sourche, Mr.: Stamper, 12-1 others
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Maurice de Nieuil over an extended 112 milés at Maisons-Laffitte. Astor Place finished eighth in the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly on June 2 and has since won a conditions race at Ascot. His fellow three-year-olds, Darazari and Le Destin, may give him most to do. The Aga Khan's Darazari is highly regard-

ed. although barely out of maiden class, while Le Destin finished five places ahead of Astor

Place at Chantilly.

Emaillierwerke Budapest-Frankfurt Pokal over ten furlongs at Frankfurt tomorrow Dankeston finished second up in the Italian 2,000 Guineas and on his last run was fourth to First Island at Royal Ascot Four of the field ran in last year's event, including the runner-

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3.05 HACKWOOD STAKES (Listed race: £12,724: 6f 8yd) (16 runners)

(16) 13-0312 NZAR 21 (C.D.F.G.S) (HRH Prince Fand Salman) P Cole 4-9-10 . T Qu'um (10) 210022 VENTURE CAPITALIST 14 (D.F.G) (W Swiers) D Nicholis 7-9-10 Alex Greaves

6140-01 SEA DANE 21 (D.F) (Carat Gold Connections) P Harris 3-9-2 15-4100 NING OF THE EAST 14 (D.S) (Dr.K Shirmazi) M Skoute 3-8-13

23-0105 PLEASE SLIZANINE 8 (D.F.) (Mohamed Suhair) R Hammon 3-8-7 Dane O'Nelli 84 BETTING, 9-2 Branchon Abby, S-1 Inzar, B-1 Averb, 7-1 Rambling Bear, 8-1 Verture Capitalis. 12-1 Sea Dane, 14-1 Others.

1995: HARD TO FIGURE 9-9-7 S Drowne (25-1) R Hodge: 10 ra 3.35 STEVENTON STAKES (Listed race: £12,646. 1m 2f 6yd) (7 runners)

(2) 4221-11 BAL HARBOUR 24 (D.F) (h. Abdulla) H. Cacli 5-4-6 W. Hyan 92 (1) 1130-01 MURAJIA 52 (CD.F.G.5) (H. Al Makkourn) P. Wahryn 4-9-3 NOB-RUNNER - 14-3040 NAKED WELCOME 31 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 D. Halland 92 (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (SDS-110 SALMON LADDER 15 (D.F.G.) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E) (M. Arbot) P. Cacle 4-9-3 T. Outhon (E)

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4.05 HANNINGTON HANDICAP (£5,703: 1m 5t 61yd) (14 runners)

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C Autter 94 Charm Dayer (5) 95 5 Sanders 98 5 Thomson 95 BETTRICE 3-1 Game Play 7-2 Sharp Consult 9-2 Routendame 7-1 Embankment, 10-1 Damegold Country Loves 12-1 ethors 1995. SHOW FAITH 5-9-8 L Detroit (5-1) it Harmon 8 (20

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Racing next week

MONDAY: Beverley (Sky, first race | 6.15), Musselburgh (2.15), Southwell (AV 2.30), Windsor (Sky, 6.25) TUESDAY: Yarmouth (2 15), Wordester (2 00)

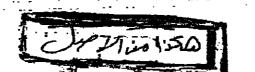
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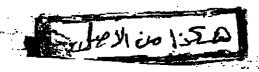
SATURDAY: Ascot (BBC, 2 00). Lingfield Park (6 10). Newcastle (2 15) Southwell (AW, 6 25), Stratford (2 25)

Astor Place has French objective

Michael Bell has found a good chance for ASTOR PLACE, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, faces five rivals in tomorrow's group two Prix de Dankeston, the mount of Michael Roberts, to

regain winning ways. He faces 13 opponents in the group three Grosser Preis der Lampartup. Silent Lake. But the biggest danger to Dankeston could be the three-year-old Dapprima, who looks well in at the weights.





Hello will appreciate extended trip

NEWBURY

1.30: There were some long faces after Crystal Crossing failed to justify heavy support on her debut here three weeks ago. The Robert Sangsterowned filly has always Stakes. worked well on the Manton gailops and no doubt she will be a warm order again here. In the circumstances, the progressive Victory Dancer is offered as a value alternative.

2.00: Wolf Mountain looks 3.45: Of those with experience, sure to win races, having shown plenty of promise when finishing a head behind the gambled-on Fun Galore here last month. However, I am

keen on the chances of Hello, now that the John Dunloptrained runner tackles seven furlongs for the first time. After making a winning debut at Doncaster, the stoutly-bred colt did particularly well to finish lifth in the Coventry

2.30: see facing page. RICHARD EVANS

> NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4**

Doubly-H. Feel Alive and Supremism showed little on their respective debuts. Better possibilities surround the newcomers. Undercover



Agent is from a stable packed with juvenile talent, while Serenity is bred to be sharp. But the one to beat here is Man Howa, who, after a rardy start, chased home the highly-regarded Yashmak at Newmarket last month.

THUNDERER

Going: Good to firm

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

HOSPICE MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,436: 5f) (7 runners)

3.10 CENTAUR SELLING STAKES

RIPON

2.35 Denton Lad, 3.10 Roi De La Mer, 3.40 King Of Sparta, 4.10 Western Sal, 4.40 Voila Premiere, 5.10 Backhander.

2.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ST GEMMA'S

4 CHEROMEE PLIGHT 15 Mrs J Ramsdon 9-0 M Rimmer 8
DENTON LRD J Wass 9-0 M Cannordon 5
SO MAZIL 7 (8) T Externy 9-0 M Brick 2
Z MISHT RIGHT 59 J J D Medi 9-0 M Denny 1
4 NO EXTRADITION 21 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 M Denny 1

22,600: 1m) (12)

1 0000 BATTLE COLOUPS 14 (D.F.G) E leosa 7-9-7. | Com Tinklor 6
2 0440 BLUE GRAT 18 (B.D.F.G.S) M Dock 10-9-7. | J. Fortene 12
3 0200 IRLE MONDONAMN M Betby 4-9-7. | L. Mewton (5) 5
4 0030 ROI DE LA MER 14 (D.G.) J. Alexturs 5-9-7 | L. Mewton (5) 5
5 0040 STEEL STURREGRA 2 (F) M Dock 5-9-7 | Date Glasson 10
6 0000 DANCE OF JOY 40 (D.G.) J. Carr 4-9-2. | M Remandy 3
7 0 MR BULE 7 G Rably 4-9: | G. Partin (5) 1
8 0-0 MURCUD 115 G Cleaved 4-9-2 | J. Lowe 7
9 4042 RANDEER QUEST 11 (D.F.G.) J. Eyra 4-9-2. | M Henry (3) 2
10 3233 DOUBLE OSCAR 14 (Y.B.F.) M Johnston 3-8-13 | J. Familing 4
11 0464 MELETRIAN CITY 18 (B) J. Berry 3-8-8 | S. D. Williams 11
2 3202 SES GARDEN 9 (B) T Existenty 3-8-3 | M Bluch 9
1-1 Pontiku Perez 3-1 Rov De La Mer. 11-2 Six Garden, 6-1 Rainden Quest, 7-1

9-4 Double Oscar, 3-1 Ror De La Mer. 11-2 Sis Garden, 6-1 Reindem Coust, 7-1 Müstrian City, Blue Still, 12-7 Steel Soveragn, 15-7 others.

7-4 King Of Sparts, 7-2 Dispoil Serm, 4-1 Disaltoned, 9-2 Sang-1d, 5-1 Belliary Star, 20-1 Sarymand Suprema, 66-1 Paper Mass.

9-4 Voils Premiere, 3-7 Percy Brailmente, 5-1 Maison, 11-2 Superpride, 7-1 Talented Trog, 10-1 Kassel, 12-1 South Sea Betchie.

| ANDREAD (X.3,270: D) (12) | 1 2000 BARRANAK 19 6 McCourt 4-9-10 ... S D Williams 11 2 3440 BACKGLANDER 14 M Wane 4-9-3 ... P Roberts (5) 1 3 5400 LAPULAPU 21 M Camacho 3-8-11 ... M Birch 12 4 0255 MADAM ZANDO 37 / Beiding 3-4-9 ... J Edmands (7) 5 5 4432 CAMBONERER 5 (B) T Essienty 3-8-9 ... J Edmands (7) 5 6 -945 M.TICRACKER SUITE 23 | Eyra 4-8-8 ... M Henry (3) 7 -005 DISTRICTLY SYMMEIN 19 MES L Perits 3-8-1 ... J Farming 7 8 0000 MEWLANDS CORNER 22 (B) J Alaburd 3-7-32 ... T Williams 9 9 -906 DARS BUDGET 19 (12) Henris 3-7-10 Take Gincoto 10 10 0000 MARREETS BEAU 28 (B) M W Essienty 3-7-10 Cale Gincoto 10 11 00-0 DONA RUPA B MISS L SIGNAT 3-7-10 ... Derren Motatal (3) 8 12 9-00 DANGENG JAZTINE 17 (V) J Weinwerglu 5-7-10 N Kommethy 6 14 Metacater Suite 3-4 Camichment 7-2 Mediam Zando 6-1 Izou-Laba, 8-1

11-4 Indicader Suite, 3-1 Camionneur, 7-2 Mediam Zando, 6-1 Lapu-Lapu, 8-1 Newbards Comer. 12-1 Backhander, 16-1 Ousboothy Swinglo, 20-1 nithers

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRABEPS: 1. Comani, 9 winners from 33 namers, 27 3%, J Gosden, 13 from 53, 24 5%, M Johnston, 15 from 97, 15 5%, B Hambury, 4 from 37, 12.9%; J Berry, 17 from 134, 12.7%; P Hastam, 8 from 75, 10.7%.

JOCKEYS: L. Newton, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.7%; K. Darley, 33 from 166, 19.9%; N. Connorton, 11 from 105, 10.5%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 8.50 Docklands Carriage NEWBURY: 2.30 Nervous Past NEWMARKET: 4.15 Go Britannia, Hidden Casas, RIPON: 2.35 Mazil 3.10 Double Oscar. 5.10 Dancing Jäzztime, Newlands Corner

2.20 Equal Rights, 2,50 Sunset Harbour, 3.20 Rich Glow, 3,50 Midyan Blue, 4.20 Elmi Elmak, 4.50 Napoleon's Return.

2.20 EBF SUNDAY MAIL RACING AHEAD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,158: 71) (3 runners)

204 2002 LEADING PRINCESS 2 (B.CD.F.G) Mass 1 Petrati 5-9-3 Beamfall (7) 8 Beamfall (7) 8 Beamfall (7) 8 December 1 206 0624 SUNDAY MAR TOO 16 (B.6.5) Mass 1 Petrati 4-13 K Darley 12 207 0-56 EARCAST 15 (B.CD.F.G.S) D Chapters 11-8-11 J Darlot 5 BO 6000 13 (V.CD.F.G.S) D Chapters 11-8-11 J Darlot 5 K Falton 3 0005 SONDO 13 (V.CD.F.G.S) D Chapters 11-8-11 J Darlot 1 K Falton 3 209 0005 ANOTHER NIGHTMARK 9 (D.S) R Modelar 4-2 T Williams 2 10 D-00 WANTELEY STAR 48 (B.D.F.G.S) I Wantelph 11-7-13 2 Darlot 10 211 0340 DOUBLE GLOW 4 (B.D.F.G.) N Brook 4-7-12 N Catiste 9 212 0000 RANKBARD 200 (D.S) D Incta 5-7-10 Km Tridate 7.1 Leading

9-2 Connte. 5-1 Sureset Harboux, 6-1 Sueday Mail Teo, Marjorie Rose, 7-1 Leading Princess, 8-1 Patturn, 10-1 Teres, 12-1 others.

3.20 SUNDAY MAIL HANDICAP (£4,319. 6f) (12)

S-1 Garmock Vadley, 6-1 Titler, French Gril, 7-1 Whitelie Rock, Barate, 8-1 For The Present, Cheeley Chappy, 10-1 others

4-6 Equal Rights, 7-4 Happy Minstral, 7-1 Hargill Dances

2.50 JOE PUNTER SELLING HANDICAP

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW BEST

going: good to firm

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

AYR TOMORROW

5.10 TONY COCKERHAM MEMORIAL MAIDEN

3.40 READ HIND STEWART MEDIAN AUCTION

MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,048: 1m 1i) (7)

4.10 RIPON BELL-RINGER HANDICAP

4.40 LEEDS HOSPITAL FUND HANDICAP

(£7,059: 1m 4i 60yd) (10)

7-1 Ourves, 6-1 Highliying, 10-1 others.

HANDICAP (£3,210: 61) (12)

ON TELEVISION

4.15: North Song had Hidden
Oasis and Brandon Magic
recent form in these handicap behind over this trip at Royal Ascot. John Gosden's representative has since met with defeat over this course and Hidden Oasis can turn the tables with a 71b pull. start. Missile was beaten too early at Sandown for the trip to be blamed. He had previ-

THUNDERER

Going: Good to Firm

DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 SCANIA 4-SERIES SELLING TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,658: 1m 6f 15yd) (18 runners)

HANDICAP (£2,658: Tm 6f 15yd) (18 runners)

1 2-03 FEARLESS WONDER 9 (R.F.G. Mrs M Reveley 5-9-70 S Copp (5) 5
2 2300 GENESS FOUR 21 (6) Mrs (Sabits 6-9-7 R Hills 12
3 UR21 RSON 905E 14 (200.F.68 Hollerstein 4-9-5 D GENESS 15) 7
4 4500 TRUMBLE 19 (5) Mrs N Messaley 4-9-0 C Teague (5) 15
5 00to MORTY ROWALE 20 M Chamer 7-4-11 Thes 9
6 9-33 TTYFRAM 14 (F) B Booph 5-9-9 W Lund 1
7 6255 BRESSL 12 (F) K Marte 7-8-8 W Woods 2
8 0057 PAISCLIA 35.0 R Decids 5-8-8 T Speciale 5
9 0052 KRONGED GREETING 3 (8) J A Hards 4-8-6. J O'Reilly 3
10 0-02 SUPPRINCE 12 W Mart 5-8-5 S WESTORD 11
11 -004 LA BELLE SHYAMME 12 R Bales 5-8-3. A Dock (5) 11
12 0000 MRTS CFT OHE (DA 12 Mrs 18 Revelley 4-8-1 W Cardish 4
13 000- PURITOLANO 2901 B Baugh 5-7-13 F Norten 16
14 59-6 TEUROMA 14 J Scoryll 5-7-10 A McCardy (7) 18
15 -000 (LIOY'S GOLO 9 W 6905 5-7-10 A McCardy (7) 18
16 -604 LUB ELITE 14 M Barnchaph 4-7-10. P P Marginy (5) 14
17 0000 REVENUE NEPROMES 3 (8) P Dation 3-7-10 R Cody-Boutcher (7) 18
18 00-0 PESGY ESS 18 A James 3-7-10 D Deciam O'Shora 10
9-2 Frankess Woods 5-1 Randerd Greeting 6-1 Ricky Rose, Supermick 13-2 Trumble, 7-1 Bresil, La Belle Shyame 10-1 others.

2.50 EAST MIDLAND COMMERCIALS FOR

CATECHESM J Goscen B-11 A Gants 7
CLASSIC LINE J Durtop B-11 Thes 6
BY GLEST R Chartin B-11 T Sussies
3 BOOM 23 W Herr B-17
0 SODEN 17 T Malls B-11 Mark Lynch 2
TELEMANIA W Hagges B-11 W Woods 4

3-1 Rotem, 4-1 by Guest, 9-2 Catechism, 5-7 Zama, 6-1 Classic Line, 7-1 Teternania, 33-1 Soden

3.25 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER CLAIMING

7-4 Contosse, 7-2 Esta Hour, Chilly Looks, 4-1 Dil Dil, 6-1 Hore Could-I, 7-1 Talbigh Belle, 10-1 others.

4.00 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR TROPHY

1 31 VCTOFRAN STYLE 42 (D.S) R Chardon 9-7 ... T Sprake 3 2 0-50 R.YBKS NORTH 75 (F) Mrs W Rovetsy 9-2 ... G Lee (S) 1 6212 ALAMBAR 35 (D.F) P Waleyn 9-1 ... R Hills 2 4 03-5 PASTERBAK 78 (RF) M Prescoil 8-12 ... W Woods 4

FT-U: £2,G33: 1WI 11 Z13/U) (3)

1 B50- DSPLIS STAP SSD M Prescat 9-0. W Woods 2

2 000 CROWN AND CLISHON 28 K Bridgwater 9-0. V Stattery 1

3 3023 PHANTOM HAZE 7 MASS 5 Hall 9-0 S Drowns (3) 9

4 590- THE LEGIONS PTIMES 5 Hall 9-0 S Whitworth 6

5 0-00 TOM SWRT 47 R Spoors 8-0 P P Manyly (3) 3

6 044 LARSSA 37 6 Margo 8-11 F Risk 4

7 306 SAFA DANCER 14 9 McMahron 8-11 F Risk 4

7 306 SAFA DANCER 14 9 McMahron 8-11 T bres 5

9 -000 VEHDETTA 15 1 Balding 8-11 T Spraks 8

STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,857: 1m 54yd) (8)

HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £6,347: 1m 54yd) (4)

B-4 Aberthan, 7-4 Victorian Savie, 7-2 Piving North, 6-1 Pasterna

(3-Y-0: £2,833: 1m 1f 213yd) (9)

4.35 EAST MIDLAND COMMERCIALS-SCANIA

KNOW HOW RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES

5.05 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD HANDICAP (£3,589: 1m 1/213yd) (15)

13 15 QSUT MILLTOWN CLASSIC 12 (G) J Pariss 4-8-0 N Carlisis 5

9-2 Fresh Look, 5-1 Ragsat, Jameel, 6-1 Racing Hawk, Mazika. 7-1 Royal Thirrible. Benjamins Law, 8-1 Millouen Classic. 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

THARMERS: J Gosden, 11 wasners from 34 numers, 32.4%; R Citariton, 10 from 35, 28 6%; M Prescoil, 10 from 35, 28 6%, W Hangast, 5 from 19, 28 3%; I Balding, 5 from 23, 21.7%; J 1. Dunkop, 21 from 105, 20 cm, 25

JOCKEYS: T Speaks, 10 winners horn 66 ndes, 15.2%, R Hills, 11 Iron 80, 13.8%, Only qualifiers.

3.50 TENNENT CALEDONIAN BREWERIES TROPHY (Handicap: £6,052: 1m 7t) (7)

Committee | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1

4.20 tam 0'shanter gallop maiden stakes (£3,583: 1m) (7)

4-6 Bimi Ebrah, 9-4 Stoppin Asset, 8-1 Gles Gernock, 12-1 Stantolon, 20-1 Lody Series, Reshris Ol Glory, Barbara's Jessel

4.50 ROBERT BURNS BICENTENARY HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3.648: 71) (10)

601 332 SURLEY SECURE 8 (F.S) M Channon 9-7 ... K Fallon 4
602 2248 PATHAZE 4 (C.F) N Byron 9-4 ... J Fortone 9
603 80-0 FANCY DESIGN 17 P Nizokel 9-3 ... K Darky 8
604 0122 NAPOLEON'S RETURN 17 (V.C.D.BF.) A Harrison 9-0
Jenny Berson (7) 2

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: S Ketimeril, 9 winners born 24 namers. 37.5%, P Chapple-Hyam. 14 from 42, 33.3%, Mrs. J Ramsdan, 12 from 57, 21.1%; Jahrs M Revoley, 18 from 89, 20.2%; M Chamon. 4 from 27, 14.3%; M Johnston, 17 from 119, 14.3%. J DCKEYS: J Tale, 5 winners from 21 mass, 23.8%; K Darley, 42 from 190, 22.1%, J Quarm, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Wester, 17 from 103, 18.5%, K Fallon, 17 from 119, 14.3%, J Fortune, 13 from 101, 12.9%.

(2-Y-0: £3,743: 6f 15yd) (7)

Lago Di Varano, Sea-Deer, Femme Savante and Saint Express behind when touched off at York last week. He should again go well over this However, Missile is pre-testing five furlongs. Tadeo ferred. On his most recent and Bowden Rose are others approaching peak form but Bolshoi deserves the vote to follow up an impressive Bevously displayed a sharp turn erley win. Jack Berry's runner of foot to land a similar event appears on the upgrade and is best at this trip. Galine was at York; this straight mile and fast ground be ideal. Really A unenterprisingly ridden over Dream is unproven beyond an extra furlong here two seven furlongs, but Go Britanweeks ago and cannot be ruled nia is preferred to How Long, despite succumbing to Luca Cumani's runner at Sandown.

NOTTINGHAM

2.20 Risky Rose, 2.50 lkdam, 3.25 Cointosser, 4.00 Flying North, 4.35 Larissa, 5.05 Fresh Look,

sprints and Tedburrow had

JULIAN MUSCAT

THUNDERER 6.50 Gold Blade. 7.20 Stone Flower, 7.50 Faringtion Future. 8.20 Best Of Ali. 8.50 Double Park. 9.20 Blatant Outburst.

Going. Good to Firm Draw no advantage

6.50 RONNIE GLENDINNING SUTH BIRTHDAY HANDICAP (Amateurs, £3,176: 1m 5f 13yd) (9 runners)

2-1 Lawn Order, 9-4 Gold Blade, 9-2 Pheimist 19-1 Peptos Ela Mas P Richbord Duly Sorgeant, 14-1 others

7.20 hourstons of ayr conditions stakes

1 8516 BOLD BREF 19 (CDF) Deny, South 9-7 ... O McKegen 2 2 10 BROD'S REPRISAL 29 (D.F) M Chappen 8-13 A Eddary (7) 5 12 JUST VISTING 40 (D.G.) J WARD 8-11 ... J Fortune 1 4 3128 ROBEC GRIL 8 (D.G.) J Berry 8-11 ... K Dartey 3 0466 CANTSAYNOWT 8 R McKellar 8-7 N Connatons 6 6 STONE ROWER 28 P Chapple-hyam 9-7 R Harfin (5) 4

7.50 EBF FIN ME OOT MILLPORT MEDIAN

38 BARTIONE 39 (BP) J Years 94 (5) 55 BARNBURSH BOY 50 (BF) T BETEN 94 0 FARNBOOK FILLER 37 8 NEW 90 2 MARYL EBORE 15 (BF) J Berry 9-0 SUGARFOOT IN Trible 9-0 ... 435 TEGONTIMA 27 M Hammand 9-0 3-4 Bardons, 5-2 Mandebone, 3-1 Farangdon Fulure, 6-1 Barcte.cgh Boy, 8-1 folkniana, 12-1 Sugartopi.

8.20 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap. £5,446: 7f) (7) 1 005 ANDHAN 304 (F) DICTOR 1 - 10-10.
2 500 CAMPRS YANGOUS 327 (G.5) M Johnston 5-9-2
3 344 SACEBRUSH ROLLER 28 (D.F. B.5) LYBES 5-9-1
5 004 BRST OF ALL 8 (F.5.) Bern 4-8-1
5 0043 BRST OF ALL 8 (F.5.) Bern 4-8-1
6 6 6232 BY GALLER 9 (D.6.5.) A Baley 5-8-8
7 5041 AMONYM 12 (D.F.B) D MEDRIC 4-8-7 9-4 Beca Of Ali, 5-1 Qualling, Sagebrush Roller May Gallery, 7-1 Cavers Yangous. Ateman, 8-1 Anonym.

8.50 tickly tap nursery E-4 Double Park, 7-2 Burles Manor. 9-2 Perpektal, 5-1 Docklands Carraga, 8-1 Top Di The Wind, 14-1 Alexadera

9.20 GO EVENENG RACING WITH THE SKY DAILY TELEGRAPH MAIDEN STAKES (£3,518: 1m 2f) (5) 42 BLATANT OUTBIEST 7 G Browny 6-9-7 ... J Fortnus 0-22 AMADBUR 21 F Mochel 3-8-11 ... K Darley 3 00 CREST WIRE 50 P Chapte 4yam 3-8-11 ... R Hasen (5) 4 0-06 MERLUS 12 B Hills 3-8-11 ... K Fallon THORNTOUN HOUSE J Goldie 3-8-11 ... D Mickenson 1

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: S Kellievell, 9 winners from 24 numers, 37.5%, B Hills, 16 from 45, 35.6%, P Chapple-Hyam, 14 from 42, 33.3%; Mis J Rassien, 12 from 57, 21.1%, M Prescotl, 5 from 25, 20.0%, M Channot, 4 from 27, 14.6%. JOCKEYS: K Darley, 42 wavers, from 190 ndes, 22.1%; R Cochrane, 3 kmm 15, 20.0%; J Wesver, 17 kmm 103, 16.5%, K Fallon, 17 kmm 119, 14.3%; J Fortune, 13 kmm 101, 12.9%, D McKeywn, 7 kmm 70, 10.06

YARMOUTH TOMORROW

IHUNDEKEK 2.00 Another Quarter, 2.30 Tautan Rookie, 3.00 Bubble Wings, 3.30 North Cyclone, 4.00 Blue Duster, 4.30 Verzen, 5.00 CHATHAM ISLAND (nap). Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Another Quarter, 3.30 YAMUNA (nap), 4.30 Verzen.

draw: 7F-1M, High Numbers Best

2.00 UPTON SELLING STAKES 1 0183 CRY BABY 19 (8,6) N Tinider 9.3. ... M J Kirsane 3
2 50 HAPPY VENTURER 37 C Morray 8-17 ... M Tebbut 7
3 300 KUMWAN 18 B Hambury 8-11 J Stack 1
4 8498 SNOW FALCON 17 M Bell 6-11 M Fenton 6
5 4424 ANOTHER QUARTER 11 (8,8F) S Woods 8-5 ... W Woods 4
6 0 MUSIC IN MOTION 288 P Howing 8-6 ... B Thomson 5
7 NAMINY-8 P Howing 8-6 ... B Thomson 5
7 NAMINY-8 P Howing 8-6 ... B Thomson 9
9-4 Anofirer Guarter, 3-1 Cry Baby, Snow Falcon, 4-1 Kursam. 14-1 Happy Venturer, 20-1 Music in Miction, Newry-8.

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ACLE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,388: 6i 3yd) (4) AL MASROOR J Payne 9-0 9 Thomson 1
24 TAUFAN ROOKE 30 R Hamon 9-0 Pat Eddary 2
40 ZUGIOU 12 B Harbury 9-0 M Rimmer 4
5 ADMONSH 46 M Jarres 8-9 P Bloomfield 3 1-3 Taulan Rooke, 5-1 Admonish, 8-1 Zoguđi, 12-1 Al Vilasmo

3.00 SUNDAY HANDICAP (£3,729: 1m 3yd) (7)

3,30 PLEASURE BEACH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,696: 7f 3yd) (10)

9-4 Yazaluna, 3-1 Med The Clouds, 4-1 Cerden, 7-1 Mathandis, 8-1 North Cyclone 10-1 With Care, 12-1 others.

4.00 TUNSTALL FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES

4.30 BROADLAND 102 HANDICAP

5.00 REPPS HANDICAP (£4,124: 1m 3f 101yd) (4)

1 1223 CHATHAM ISLAND 18 (C.F.S) C Brisan B-0-10. __ B Doyle 2 2 2151 CANTON VEHILLE 4 (D.F.G) S Woods 4-9-9 (Say) W Whods 3 2042 (AAPH HOMM 6 (SEF.F.S.S) n. CAlapha 5-9-2 M. J Kinsan 1 4 0000 PETIDSKIN 30 (S) J Piarce 4-9-0 .__ G Bardwell 4 5-4 Canton Ventura, 5-2 Chaffarm Island, 11-4 Kaalin Homan, 10-1 Potoskin.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M. Johoston, 7. winners from 25 numers, 28.0%. H. Thomson Jones, 20 from 81, 24.7%; J. Godden, 19 from 84, 22.6%; H. Cazi, 18 trom 96, 16.7%, C. Dwyer, 3 from 18, 16.7%. JOCKEYS: D Holland, 9 winners from 36 rides, 25.0%, R Hills, 31 from 141, 22.0%, Pat Eddery, 11 from 57, 19.3%; M Hills, 26 from 152, 17.1%; W Rean, 22 from 132, 16.7%, G Hend, 9 from 58, 15.5%.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME TOMORROW: Ayr: 3.20 White Rock. 4.20 Realms Of Glory 4.50 Aye Ready: Stratford: 2.10 Buyers

WARWICK

THUNDERER 6.35 Paddy's Rice, 7.05 Double Gold, 7.35 Traceability, 8.05 Marchman, 8.35 Divina Luna, 9.05

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.35 FERNDALE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,494. 7f) (9 runners)

1 - 000 WMATENETS RIGHT 33 (CD.F.G) M Letter 7-9-10 R Binshard (7) 7
2 1005 PADDY'S RICE 10 (CD.F.) M McCompac 5-9-10 J Withmoon 1
3 0005 P.A.G FEN 16 (6.5.1 M Meads 5-9-9 ... Chart Angel (10) 4
5 055 A004D04 (8.D.F.G. S Borner) 7-9-7 D Detthy 1
5 0235 MR CUBE 17 (8.CD.BF, F.G.) J Bradley 6-9-4 C Loretter (9) 5
6 -000 S WARP MOLUT 41 (8) F Borner 4-8-10 R Mouten 2
7 3406 HOTILP'S HOULDHAM 156 (CD.F.) R Without 3-8-3 K Stand 8
8 0006 RESPECTABLE JONES 17 (B.C.D.F.A.S.) R Matenated 10-8-2
8 Constant (10) 8 9 -263 HAVE A MIGHTCAP 9 (V) N Lebrooden 7-8-1 David O'Notif (5: 9

T-4 Aquadio 3-1 Hare & Nighticap. 7-2 Paddy's Rice, 4-1 Flag Fen, 8-1 Mr Cube. D-1 Startp Holly, Hodigs Hawillian 12-1 olbers. 7.05 LAMMAS FIELD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

30 JACK THE LAD 32 C Marmy 8-9 05 KASER KACHE 21 N MAJAING 8-7. 506 SKELTON SOVEREIGH 37 R Hollinshead 8-5. 02 DOUBLE GOLD 7 B Median 8-4. 42 ZAMARAY 7 Marris Meade 8-4. 06 HERBSHAN DANCER 23 8 Millman 8-3. 7 D NORY DAWN 10 K herry 8-2 ...
6 005 MY PRECEDUS 25 M McCormata 8-2 ...
9 005 SHALL WE 60 7 R Harmon 8-2 ...
10 TARRE N Content 8-2 ...
11 222 SMUGURS 5 (BF) R Wallans 8-0

7.35 SYD MERCER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,695: 1m 2l 169yd) (6) 1 0002 BFANDUS 12 (5) P Cole 9-9
2 4010 TRACEABLITY 30 (20) F.G. S Williams 9-6. (C Cartes 5) 2
3 7165 MAUDR DUNDES 14 (P) B FATTown 9-3 Dame O'Riel (3) 2
4 P013 BARAMOV 6 (CD.F.) D Lurray Smpth 6-4
5 1382 ALLSTAYS EXPRESS 3 (F) T Rangton 6-3
6 -214 SPA LANE 14 (F) P Nation 7-10
J Camm 1

3-1 Spa Lane 7-2 Infamous, 4-1 Bararus, 5-1 Traceability, Alistans Express, 6-1 8.05 ASHORNE SELLING HANDICAP SKY (£2,070: 1m 4l 115yd) (7)

6-4 Dais Dec. 9-4 Marchman, ?-2 Zeliba, 8-7 Space And Sugar, 12-1 Hurza Slory, 16-1 Rupsasa, Woodfands Energy 8.35 WARWICK LIMITED STAKES

(£3,662: 7f) (4) 1 0143 ZELDA ZONK, 16 (D.F.) B Meshan 4.9-4 ... B Doyle 2 2 2000 DAWAL BS 33 (CD.F.6.) D Hardn Jones 5-9-3 ... T Charms (3) 1 3 1231 DDWAL LUBA B (D.F.6.) J MIS 3-8-11 ... M Heavy (3) 1 4 1522 ARTEROCERIES 9 (D.F.) M Heavon-Elis 3-8-16 ... S Drowne (3) 4 i-4 Denna Luna. 15-8 Arteograes, 9-4 Zeida Zoniu, 12-1 Cawalib

9.05 HENLEY IN ARDEN LIMITED STAKES (£2,988: 51) (6) 1 5410 CHADWELL HALL 7 (B.CD.F.6.5) 5 Bowning 5-9-8 C Teagure (3) 2
2. 3041 PALACREARE TOXICH B (B.D.6.5) J Burry 6-9-8 ... 6 Carter 1
3. 3212 SWAN AT WHALLEY 12 (D.F.5) M Wave 4-9-5... P Roberts (5) 6
4. 21-4 STATISTICIAN 17 (D. Jens Berry 4-9-2 K M Chin (5) 4
5. 0633 SUPER ROCKY 10 (B.D.F.6) R Bestiman 7-9-2 H Bastiman (5) 5
6. 05-0 WINDRUSH BOY 71 (D.F) J Busley 6-9-2 R Perham 3 3-1 Swan At Whalley, 7-2 Chadwell Half, Super Rocky, 4-1 Palacegale Touch, 6-1 Windowsh Boy, 8-1 Statistican.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS; S. Williams, 3 tenners from 8 minners, 37.5%, R. Williams, 4 from 16, 25.0%; P. Cole, 16 from 83, 19.3%, M. Heston-Ellis, 6 from 32, 18.6%; K. Nory, 6 from 36, 16.7%; J. Berry, 13 from 79, 16.5%. JOCKEYS: T Outon, 19 witners from 103 rides, 18.4%, 6 Carler, 15 hom 104, 14.4%, M Tebbutl, 3 from 26, 11.5% Daily qualifiers.

> STRATFORD TOMORROW

2.10 Sian Wyn. 2.40 Dino Malta. 3.10 Rolfe. 3.40 Andrelot. 4.10 Efhansto. 4.40 Zahid.

2.10 WEST MIDLAND TRAVEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) 1 011 - SWEDISH BNADER 22F (F) J White 5-11-10 ... A P McCoy
1 011 - SWEDISH BNADER 22F (F) J White 5-11-10 ... A P McCoy
2 -152 SIAN WYN B (D,BF,F,S) B Lufte 6-11-7 R Durmstooly
3 220- BLYERS DREAM 138 (V) B Elison 6-11-3 ... A Dobbin
4 R40- KING OF BBAN 108 FF b-004 4-10-10 ... P Carberry
5 66-F SET-EM-ALISHT 43 B Smart 6-10-3 ... I Lawmance
6 6-34 MRINESOTA FATS B Miss A Rowland 4-10-3 Gary Lyone
7 000 LASER LIGHT LADY 22 N Libroscien 4-10-0 ... B Powell
8 4U-0 STAY HAPPY 32 A Newcombe 7-10-0 ... B Powell
9 0/3 CLANDY'S DRPRESS 51 J Fox 5-10-0 ... A Dowling (7)
10 FF-P ON THE LEDGE 18 H Manners 6-10-0 ... A Dowling (7)
14 Semich Instale 11-15 Smith a News Charan 5-1 (find IN Brokkin A.1)

2.40 DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE NOVICES CHASE

5-2 Ding Malia, 4-1 Abatese, 5-1 Sticky Money, 5-1 Wald, 8-1 Dustys Trail, 10-1 Articl Artics, Scient Warrior, 12-1 others 3.10 MILLENHIUM COPTHORNE HOTELS HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,378: 2m 110yd) (9)

3.40 RICHARDSON DEVELOPMENTS OLDBURY SUMMER CUP (Handicap chase: £7,059: 2m 41) (11) SUMMER CLUP (Handicap Chase: £', U.59: ZM 41) (11)

1 23-1 NORDIC SUN 18 (D.6.5) L Loyd-Jones 8-12-0. M Dwyer

1 23-1 SASIGA'S HERO 24 (F.6.5) J Benoming 9-11-10. D Byme

3 P-32 ANDREADT 8 (B.8F.D.F.G) P Boven 9-11-8. R Durwindy

4 P2-0 WISE ADMICE 44 (D.F.) M Hermond 6-11-0. R Genrity

5 29-P MAGIC BLOOM 29 (D.F.G) J Jehrston 10-10-12. S Burrough

6 0-32 HENLEY REGATTA 32 (P) P Rodford 6-10-6. S Burrough

7 PF POACHETS DELIGHT 709 (F.G.) A Newcombe 10-10-5 B Penton

8 P2- MAPLE DANCER 62 (D.F.G) F Jordan 10-10-1. R Greene

9 022- POREST FEATHER 64 (B.G. C Weston 8-10-0... M Pichards

10 5R-6 MANAMOUR 11 (F) B Lee 9-10-0. _____ C Lieveslyn

11 D-23 A YMME ZIAD 24 (D.F.G) H Manners 13-10-0. A Dowling (T. Senet Enerth C. P. Mores Sun 6-1. A Richards

7-1 Management C Management S 1-1 (B.G.) H Manners 13-10-0. A Dowling (T. Management C. Management C. Management College Colleg

4,10 96.4 FM BRMB NOVICES HURDLE (£2,192: 2m 6i 110yd) (5)

Evens Ethericia, 2-1 Sigma Wireless, 5-1 Denoting Al Lahern, 8-1 Mister Generosity 16-1 Chaps.

4.40 RICHARDSONS HAPPY FAMILY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,262: 2m 110yd) (8)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Pine, 21 winners from 85 numers, 24.7%; D Nicholston, 12 from 51, 23.5%, J Upson, 4 from 20, 20.0%; R Lae, 3 from 18, 16.7%, J White, 10 from 73, 13.7%; T Forsior, 5 from 39, 12.8%. JOCKEYS: S Wynne, 6 winners iron 22 rides. 27 3%, A Maguire. 25 from 32. 27 2%, R Dunwoody, 20 from 91, 22%; C Lienellyn, 12 from 60, 20 0%, T Rey, 6 from 30, 20.0%

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good to firm 2.30 (8 8/d) 1 Croome Paradiso (M Hills 14-11, 2 Jawhar (4-5 lav) 3, Olivo (7-1) 12 ran NR Al Azhar 281, 3, P Cole Tore 19 60, C3 30, 51 10, 51 70 DF \$15.70 Tno, \$19.80 CSF \$25.68 100 (71 64 vof) 1, Green Perfume (T Quinn 15-6 lev), 2, Evergleder (5-1) 3, Hard To Figure (5-1) 7 ran Mr St. P. Cole Tote 25 80, 21 70, 53 60 DF 68 20 CSF 216 92 3.30 (51 34 vd) 1, Song Of Skye (D Holland, 33 & 2, Mayllows (7-1), 3, Blues Queen 19 5 Talce Nicole 5-6 law 5 ran 1-3, 31 T Naughton Tote £18 80, £3 60, £1 60 DF 138 00 CSF 2148 60

Cas to CSF Etel 80
4,00 (1m 2 8yd) 1, Frog (W Woods, 11-8
Private Handisapper's top rating; 2
Lavender Della (33-1) 3. Call Me (6-1)
Polisti Widow 5-2 lav 9 ran "2, 3" 4
Prescon, Tote C4 10, C1 60, 54 80, 52 10
DF 683 30 Trio £144 30 CSF £64 64
Tincast £460 70 Tricast: £460 70 4:30 (6) 8yd; 1. Bayer (R Street, 11-4 fav; 2. Mr Bergerac (9-1), 3. Mister Joison (15-2) 10 ran wi, nk. M Usher Tota: £4.20; 51-60 £290, £2.20 DF £1890 Trio £17-80 CSF £27-27 Tricast; £159-75.

5.00 (2m) 1. Moonlight Quest (W Ryen 7-4 (av) 2, Groat Easeby (7-2), 3, Colendge (14-1), 6 (an Hal, shind B Hanbury Tore 2-80 (21-4), 52 (00, DF 53) 80 CSF 57-98 5.30 (7) 1 Young Duke (P McCabe, 7-2), 2. Sue's Return (12-1), 3, Easy Jet (2-1 lay) 8 Sue's Return (12-1), 3, Easy Jei (2-1 lav) 8 ran 1-4, 2-4 Mrs S Williams Tote (350: C1-80, 61-50, 61-50 DF, 627-50 CSF 637-67 Tricast 695-19 Jackpot £11,878.50 (0.10 winning tickets; pool of £15,057.32 carned forward to Newbury lockey).

Placepot: £80.60. Quadpot: £32.60. Musselburgh Going: good to firm, firm in places 2.10 (5): 1, Bold African (A Culhane, 2-5 lav), 2, Hever Golf Stormer (9-4); 3, Whethe Times (16-1) 3 ran NR Come Too Mamma's Forcy, Thownghlone St. 111 P Evans

3 10 (1m 7 16)(d) 1, Senasota Storm (M Fenion, 5-1), 2 Sharp Sansation (7-1); 3. Master Hyde (7-2) Pedalightemetal 5-2 (av 10 ran 2-1, 8) M Bell Tote (98 50; 21 50, 21 70, 22 10 DF (10.30 Trio, 22 60 CSF, 236 63 Tricas) (2126 13 2-30 oct 1 mass 12/20 13 3 40 (5f) 1, king 01 Show (k. Fallon, 9-2); 2, Leading Princess, 18-1), 3, Bowciffe Grange (5-4 lay) 8 ran, 5h hd, 1 N I R Allan Tote 5-40; 21:50, 21:70, E1 10 DF, 120:30 CSF (36-8) Thosas 264-91

4 5 1/3 (5yd) 1, Sepeping Statement (J Curin, 12-1), 2, Super Scravels (7-4 tav) 3 Footish Funer (10-1) 6 ran 2*1, 31 J Berry Tote (6.80, 0.370, £1 10 DF 59 10 CSF 033.24 No bid 4.40 (1m 16yd) 1, Brootune Gold (A Cultiane 10-1); 2, Seconds Away (14-1); 3, Recenton (5-1) Rainbows Rhapsody 7-2 (a); 13 (a) 4 (b) Mrs M Reveley Tote (10 70 (23.10, 62.70, 63.00 DF 672.80, 170 (615.40) CSF (610.20 Thos

Placepot: £72.80. Quadpot: £33.70. Southwell

Georg: good to him
2.30 (cm 4t 110yd cht 1, Sessiver IA P
McCoy 13-8 taxt: 2 Saxon Magic (5-1), 3
Sami Benet (4-1) 6 ran, NF: Rancheck, 14,
16) P Nateway, Tote 12-40; 21-10, 52-40
DF \$1.20 CSF 59-13
2.50 (3m cht 1, Noblety IR Famen, 11-8
plant, 2, Full O'Prasse 11-8 plant, 3
Maggots Green (7-1) 4 ran 34, 25-1
Walker Tote 12-10 DF £2-20 CSF £3.37
3.20 (2m 4t 110yd hdle) 1 Gamme (Michael
Brettann 6-1); 2, Stong John (10-1) 3,
Lasful Love (4-1) Citeflem s Crown 2-1 lav.
6 can NR Wake Up Lov 11/1 [17] O'Shea
Tote 12-50, 24-90 ES 10 DF £52-10 CSF

3 50 (2m hdler) 1. Pegasus Bay (R Garmty, 4-1) 2 War Whoop (9-4 fav) 3, The Links Ferret (7-1) 7 ran 11-4, 51, W Hargh Tote 54 60, 52 60 51 30 DF 56 80 CSF 513 56 24 80, 12 60 F 13 0 DF 16 80 CSF 11 3 6 4 20 (2m hole) 1 Trade Wind (Pachael Brannan 3-1) 2 Night Time (7-2) 3 Lancor (9-4 fav) 10 ran 21 5 J 3 Shea Tote 13 80, 12 18 0 23 10, 21 10 0F 17 40 Tho 17 10 CSF 114 77

4 50 (2m indie) 1, letand Vision (Michael Biennan 9-4 (av.) 2, Verbo Luna (5-1), 3, Stay With Me (9-2), 8 ran 2, 1-1, 3 O'Shea Tota (2) 10, 51 70, 52 30, 51 16 DF 54 10 CSF: \$15 51 Tircsel (47.25

Placepot £280.40. Quadpot £94.30.

Thursday's late details

Redcar

7 USES TEAR WHITE 4 (B) T Male 9-0 ... 9-4 Hight Flight, 3-1 No Establish 7-2 Denion Lad, Sode, 8-1 Cherolee Flight, 16-1 Maril, 50-1 Tear White

6.45 [5] 1. Suneet Harbour (J Fortune, 9:2): 2. L A Touch (7:2 [r-lay): 3. Swity Nitry (50-1) Good To Talk 7:2 [r-lay 12:1an 11:1, 5h hd S Kertlewell Tote (5:80, 52:00, 51:50, 59:20, DF: \$13:70 Trio 5286:20 CSF 521:35 Tricast, 5680:26 Incast. E883 26 7.15 (Im) 1. Hewwen (S Drowne, 10-1), 2, Miss Zarothar (14-1): 3. Theuched (9-2 p-lav), 4. Acquittal (30-1). Gilling Dancer 9-2 p-lav 19 ran H. Al E Alston Tote £14 30 £3 00, 29 40, £1 30, £4 70 DF £83 70 Tho £178 70 CSF £142.59 Thosair £680.09 7-45 (7) 1. Lady Mail (R Cochrane, 33-1): 2. Stones To Tell (11-10 tav). 3. Dawarn Alail (2-1) 9 ran 19., nk. J Eustace Tote 118 00, 53 30, 51.10, 51.20 DF, 518 20 Trior 552 60 CSF: 570.37 8.15 ftm 2) 1, Buisara (D McKeown, 7-2); 2, Alabang 7-4 kay, 3, Feld Of Vision (10-1) 6 ran Hd, nd C Faithurs Tote 24.90; 21 60, 21 90 DF 24 60 CSF 210 33 8-45 (2m 4yd) 1, Izza (M Kigrmedy, 8-1); 2, Marsavas (3-1 1)-lav); 3, Drab (3-1 1)-lav) 9 ram Hd, ni-W Storey Toue, £8.90; £2.10, £1.60 £1.50 OF £11.80 Tho; £23.80, CSF C32.72 Tricast, £84.42

9.15 (1m) 1. Chinerass (O Unbins, 2-7 tay): 2, Badger Bay (18-1); 3. Dispoi Diamond (7-1) 4 ran. 1 kl, 1 kl, 1 Cumani. Toler £1 40 DF: £4 30 CSF £5 05 Worcester

Going, good to firm 7.00 (2m 4f hele) 1. Coast Along (W Worthington, 8-1), 2. Hossie Witness (9-2), 3. Stapleford Lady (4-1 ji-fsv) Call The Gurnor 4-1 j-fsv, 11 ran 1/sl, 8. P Bevan Tote C18 00, C3.70, C1, 60, C1 40 DF C15.00 Trio. C97 EN C 231.00 Corr Land Hadde Haddel (Mr. J. Culloty, 11-4 [Hand, 2, But Of A Dream [12-11, 3, Exclusion [11-1] Forgethul 11-4 [Han 9] ran. 144, 31 R Philips Tote, E3 00: £1,40, £2,30, £3 50. DF £20.40 Time £20.5 40, CS.F £3 09 Timest, £283.56

8.00 (2m 44 holle) 1, Prusella (A P McCoy, 3-1 lary), 2 Stage Fright (14-1), 3, Polish Consul (9-1) 12 ran, NRF Cuban Nights, Nk, 31, Clay Tote C4 10; C140, 623-80, 521-10. DF 557-50 Trio E44-50 CSF: 641-25. CS7 50 Trio £44.50 CSF 281.22

8.30 (2m 71 ch) 1, Hurryup (Mr J Culidy. 20-1), 2, Pherrago (20-1), 3, The Blue Boy (3-1 fev), 4, Jim Vaserane (10-1), 17 ran. 41, 19-1, 8 Dictem Tote: £32.70, £5.80, £8.90. £1.10, £2.30, LF £70.80 Trio £21.32.0 CSF £353.86 Titeast £1.426.32.

9.00 (2m flay 1, Ultimate Smoothie (D Bridgwater, 2-1); 2, Mr Lurpak (7-2); 3, Photewood Fuggle (25-1) Regal Gem 15-8 lev 13 can 41, %1 M Pipe Tote: £3.10, £1.30, £1.70, £3.50, DF- £7.40 Trio £47.70 CSF £3.90.

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Searching for more than Atlanta gold

Andrew Longmore

meets an Irish runner hoping for one last

twist in the most bizarre American tale



A FAMOUS face will appear in the Olympic village next week and Shane Healy cannot wait to see it again. Noureddine Morceli and Healy go back a long way, to the days when both were studying in California. They would meet in inter-state track championships, Healy struggling along at the back, Morceli tearing up the front. Their paths have crossed occasionally since and each time the reaction of Morceli, the world 1.500 metres champion, has

"He just shakes his head and mutters: You crazy Irish." Healy said. "He won't believe it when he sees me here." He is not the only one. Healy himself is still blinking. "I haven't planned this," he said. Everything has just fallen into place."

Healy is looking for two other faces in his life — more important faces. One belongs to his mother, Maureen, who walked out of the family home in Dublin one night in 1972 and never came back; the other to his elder sister, Lor-raine, who left with her mother the same night. Healy was brought up by his father and, if any sense of bitterness once lingered in his slim frame, only sadness now remains alongside the battered old

photo that he keeps.
"I've no idea whether she's alive or dead," he said. "I would just love her to see me race in the Olympics and come forward so that I can touch her IOW INAL SHE IS WELL

All other avenues have failed. Two years ago, Healy saw a photo of a girl at the Galway Oyster Festival in a newspaper. The caption said



Healy proudly sports the Ireland colours as he contemplates what he might gain from his experience in Atlanta. Photograph: Marc Aspland

that she was Lorraine Healy. Healy rang her up. She was the right age, but she came from Cork, not Dublin, and had no brothers. There are two pieces of the jigsaw still

missing," Healy said. The puzzle is complicated enough as it is. Healy did not discover running until he was 21, five years ago. Before then, he had lived out the life of the Irish rover, moving from town to town, making do, never stopping too long, never finding what he was looking for.

An atlas has been the symbol of Healy's past, not a stopwatch. He has hauled buckets of cement up hills in Gibraltar, sailed boats across Hawaii, hitched across Canada when the windchill factor was minus 35, lived in camper vans and slept rough in Colo-

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

IN ATLANTA

GREAT Britain expects med-

als and judo has not disap-

Olympic Games. Since 1972,

40 Britons have competed in

judo at the Games and they

have won a total of 15 medals.

medals in 1980 and 1984.

believes that almost any of the

squad could finish on the

podium. "We have chances in

Neil Adams, who took silver

in the past six

pepper his adventures are pure James Joyce. He has a story for every town and tells them with a tongue that turns "r" into "w"

The search ended in the locker-rooms of a community college in California, where Healy had enrolled as a \$50-aterm general arts student and most of the students were black or Asian.

"I used to shower in the locker-rooms because I was living in the camper van at the time and I met some of the black sprinters who were on the college programme," he said. "They would say: 'Hey. coach, there's that mad Irishman'. The coach was a guy knew the Irish had a good history of middle-distance runners - Eamonn Coghlan, Marcus O'Sullivan - so he said he would pay me \$50 to

women, and Britain has com-

draw was a mixture of good

and bad things. At this level,

we cannot expect anything else. Some will rise to the

occasion, but all matches at

fying system, only 63 countries

are represented here, but these

are the genuine elite of the

sport. In previous Games,

people did not have to qualify

Because of the tough quali-

Adams said: "Yesterday's

petitors in 13 of them.

this level are hard."

said. Within a year, Healy had run a mile. I didn't even know how many times round the track that wasn but 50 bucks was a lot of money. So I did it."

battered tennis shoes and a pair of old shorts. Owens said that he would pay Healy's weekly grocery bills if he agreed to join the track programme. Fast forward to Adams

Healy clocked 4min 32sec in

State University, in Colorado, and a call to Joe Vigil, the doyen of United States middledistance running. Healy is standing next to the bowling ringing Vigil, the head of the university's training programme. He had hitched from said, "where are you? The

bowling alley? Hang on." special then because I wanted to run for him so bad," Healy

Rendle ready to live up to great expectations

an athletics scholarship at Adams and a personal best of 3min 45sec for 1,500 metres. That was not the end of

Healy's struggle, though; not by a long way. Last winter, he spent three months in a hostel for the homeless while training in Denver. Money was so tight that he was beginning to get desperate. Then - and this is a theme in Healy's life another impromptu connection was made. An article in Irish Runner highlighted his plight. A researcher from RTE, the radio station, picked up the story, Healy was invited on to the Pat Kenny

"Here I was, a kid from the backstreets who had done everything by myself, and they identified with that," he said. Sponsors came forward, the Irish Olympic fund granted him £2,000. He persuaded Eamonn Coghlan, the 1983 world champion at 5,000 me-tres, to be his coach. All he needed was to qualify for the Olympics, which he did, with typical panache, at the eleventh hour in burning heat in a nondescript meeting in Madrid. Coghlan was so happy that he rushed out of his house

and danced a jig. Healy will do well to qualify for the semi-finals at the Games, but that matters little. the world watches his -minute run, the other half of his dream might yet be

"It would mean more to me my mother," he said. "The running is important, it's brought me from nothing to here, but part of me is running

Stevens fights in the most

demanding of all categories,

which is bristling with techni-

cally proficient and immense-

ly aggressive 15st men. They

include Pawel Nastula, the

world and European champi-

end of the contest.

from Poland, and

Women getting to grips with a not-so-gentle art

t's not a game for tarts, you know. An ancient footballing expression, one traditionally tossed at a team-mate complaining of anything from a bruise to a broken leg. It says it all, really: us chaps, a mixture of con-radeship and aggression. Not the sort of things that tarts can relate to, is it?

So there I was, in a tiny curtained-off cubicle, ten me tres by ten, and in tremendous peril. Travelling circuses used to put a man in a tiny cage on wheels containing half a dozen lions. It was all snarls and flashing claws and bared teeth while the lion-tamer desperately sought to hold his own with a bentwood chair

and a whip.
It was like that with me and the Great Britain women's iudo team. They had just flown in from their training camp in Tallahassee where they had been going the tiniest bit stir-crazy. Now the Games were at last to begin and they were ready to rumble. It was wonderful, sitting there watching these women tearing the bejasus out of each other. Power, energy, purpose, it was splendid to be close to such things. They were not really trying to kill each other, at least, I don't

This was a jam session, not a gig, ideas were picked up, explored, discarded. This was controlled experiment and work-out, a session that got body and mind working with speed and precision. They were going at each other at about 80 per cent. As the Duke of Wellington said, I hope they frighten the enemy because they terrify the life out of me.

"First blood wound of the day," the physio, Karen Sibilia, said, mopping up the claret. "Our women," Neil Adams, the team manager, said. "have got to be as physical as other fighters."

The other fighters must be something, then. The last time I saw Nicola Fairbrother, it was in a tea-shop in Sandhurst. They would not serve her if they saw her as I did, shock of blonde hair all over the place, teeth bared, hands curved like grappling irons. Wonderful stuff.

There should be medals coming to this little room full of fighters, but you can make your own guess about who



Fairbrother, has the light

SIMON BARNES

Boxini-stunner by late



Atlanta sketch

and what colour. "Judo is a crazy, unpredictable event," Fairbrother said. "Especially at the Olympic Games."

These are the wome Games all right. They say frais every year, but only because it is true. Every year brings as more Olympic women. One hundred years ago, at the first Olympics, there were 311 athletes, all of them male. In 1900 two sports were open to women, golf and tennis, and

there were II competitors. This year there are 10.700 athltes and 3,779 of them are women, more athletes and more women than ever before. There is scarcely a sport they will not contest and two of them, admittedly rather daft ones, are for women only, these being synchronised swimming and rhythmic gymnastics. These judo fighters offer something a little more substantial than chocolate-box femininity. Odd to think that women's judo has only been a full Olympic sport

States is getting just a little bit bored with the tackiness of the Dream Team of millionaire basketball players, there are all kinds of good vibes going for the American women's baskethall team. The Reality Team, if you like Professio women's bastketball is due to start in the United States after the Games and promoters are eager to launch it with a touch of gold.

look purposeful and tough. rather than Flo-Jo glamorous. Among them is Shervl Swoopes, who has a great name and is now celebrated as the first woman in history to have a pair of sneakers named after her. I'll take a

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pair of Air Swoopes. Business is at the heart of much of this. Woman as audience, as client, as customer. NBC plans to show no boxing at all at prime time, because vomen always switch it off. Their biggest sell is the women's gymnastics. But strip away the layers of glitz and marketing and nonsense and you come down to what matters. Refine this further and find the distilled essence of it all in a small room at a place called Grady High School. The truth about wornen's sport is to be found in the

virtually every category," he said. There are 14 categories, Britons face testing start

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN ATLANTA

GREAT Britain's hockey teams begin their medal chase this weekend with the women taking on South Korea today and Holland tomorrow, while the men open against South Korea tomorrow.

David Whittle, the men's

Stevens: will face

team manager, said here yesterday that the players were fit and raring to go, committed to carning as many points as possible in what seems to be the tougher of the two groups. Many of the team are sporting short haircuts to cope with the

heat and humidity.

A 2-1 victory over India in a training match here on Tuesday, with goals by McGuire and Giles, has given the team added confidence for the match against South Korea. Russell Garcia, who at 18 became the youngest player to win an Olympic gold medal for hockey, remembers the opening match against South

Korea in Seoul in 1988. Then, the Koreans came back after conceding two goals to draw 2-2 with Britain, who went on to win gold. Britain's recent record against South Korea has been disappointing, draw-ing 1-1 in the six nations' tournament here in April and

losing 2-0 in Malaysia in May. Whittle does not underestimate the Koreans having seen their relentless attacking play against Australia in Malaysia where, after a 1-1 draw, they defeated the Australians on penalty strokes after a score-less final. However, he believes that with the right strategy, Britain could disrupt

their rhythm. Jason Lee arrived here on Wednesday as a replacement for the injured Robert Thompson. Lee is likely to fill a left side attacking position, which opens the door for Daniel Hall

A poor run-up to the Games has not dampened the enthusi-asm of Britain's women who believe they have the potential to win a medal. Half the side that won the bronze

medal four years ago in Barce-lona are in the squad.

Much will depend on the stability in defence of Karen Brown who has made 132 appearances for Great Britain and 109 for England. Jill Atkins, Brown and Jane Sixsmith played in Seoul. Rhona Simpson, of Scotland, has scored 13 goals since November in 22 appearances and Sixsmith was joint top-scorer with Hentschel, of Germany, in Barcelona with five goals. Nevertheless, it will take a superlative effort to

suppress the Koreans today. In their match tomorrow, Britain will be seeking to avenge their 1-0 defeat by Holland at Milton Keynes.

seven for the men, seven for relatively easy opponent in the early rounds. Adams picked out the feath-

erweights, Sharon Rendle, the 1996 European champion, and Julian Davies, runner-up at those championships in May. as having secured the most favourable draws. They compete on Thursday. Rendle, 30, from Hull, finished first at the 1988 Games, when women's iudo was only a demonstration sport, and was third in

The first Briton to compete will be Michelle Rogers, from

Manchester, who takes part in the heavyweight category today. At the European championships in May, she overcame more experienced opponents and is now rapidly fulfilling the promise she demonstrated

mendously in spirit and confidence if Rogers, 20, or either of the light-heavyweights, Ray Stevens and Kate Howey, get in the top three. Both Stevens and Howey won medals in Barcelona in 1992.

junior title in 1994. The team would gain tre-Stephane Trineau, nicknamed The Tornado", from France. Stevens, 32, will do well if he wins a medal. Howey, with her sudden pick-ups and change of pace, has a better chance, provided that she can maintain her tempo until the

ATLANTA BRIEFS

Henman's path leads to date with Agassi TIM HENMAN has avoid-

ed an early date with any of the big guns in the Olympic tennis tournament. He plays Shizo Mazuoka, of Japan, in the first round and, should he reach the quarter-finals, is likely to meet Andre Agassi

— although the American has a dangerous first-round

opponent in Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden. Britain's other representa tive in the men's event, the big-serving Greg Rusedski, takes on Javier Frana, of Argentina, in the opening round. Clare Wood, of Brighton, the only Briton in the women's singles, has a difficult first match against Silvia

Farina, from Italy. Peter Ribe, a world championships bronze medal-win-

compete in the canoeing events after testing positive for the stimulant ephedrine.

China tested each member of its 300-strong team before leaving for the Games. Its athletes continue to live under the shadow of the Asian Games drugs scandal in 1994, when II competitors, including seven swimmers, failed drugs tests, and offici-als are determined to clean

up the country's image.

The smallest and newest member of the Olympic movement, the pacific island Nauru, has a real medal prospect. Its sole representative is the weightlifter. Marcus Stephen, a former Commonwealth gold medal-

Draw helps favourites

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Olympic Games began well for Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent yesterday. The draw for the rowing events at Lake Lanier - "the best rowing venue that has ever been created," according to David Tanner, the British team manager - has kept the favourites for the coxless pairs' gold medal away from Italy, France and Australia, their closest rivals on present form, in their first race.

It is a good thing, too. The pair, the first Britons to take to the water tomorrow, had planned to miss the opening ceremony until Redgrave -very pleased and very honoured" -- was asked to carry the British flag for the second successive Games. A hard race immediately after that was not what the duo had planned and Redgrave has made the concession of using the carrying pouch in Atlanta

that he eschewed in Barce-

Under a new system of seeding being introduced at these Games, the coxless four was the only other British crew to receive preferential treatment and, in tomorrow's race, they have avoided the Italian world champions and the Australian Olympic cham-

Other British performers have fared less happily. Peter Haining has a nightmare sculls heat that includes both Thomas Lange, the Olympic champion from Germany in 1988 and 1992, and Juri Jaanson, of Estonia, the 1995 World Cup-winner. Guin Batten faces Silke Laumann, the former world champion from Canada, and Trine Hansen, of Denmark, in her sculls heat. Kate Mackenzie and Philip-

pa Cross, late British qualifi-ers in the women's pairs, have

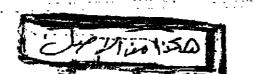
the French 1993 and 1995 world champions. Christine Gosse and Helene Cortin. in their heat, but could move to the semi-final if they beat either Romania or Russia. The men's double of James Cracknell and Rob Thatcher will challenge the Olympic champions, Davide Tizziano and Agoseini Abbagnale, of

Four British crews do not start their Olympic quests until Monday, including the up-and-coming British lightweight double of Nick Strange and Andy Sinton, who face a tough heat that includes the fancied Italy and talented Ireland crews.

Perhaps surprisingly, the British team is happy with the heat and humidity. Redgrave's only complaint yesterday was: "It is ruining my suntan and I am cold in the air conditioning."

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SPORT 47

Boxing stunned by late blow

FROM JOHN GOODBODY

THE LIST of Americans who have won Olympic boxing gold medals and then gone on become distinguished world champions reads like a roll call of the sport. Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier and Sugar Ray Leonard are just three of the boxers who have become role models for the young.

However, their possible successors are almost being ignored by the American media. Their backgrounds are just too unsavoury.
Antonio Tarver, 27, the

light-heavyweight from Florida who is the country's best hope for a title here, was once addicted to crack, a derivative of cocaine. Lawrence Clay-Bey. 30, from Hartford, Connecticut. the team's 172st se er-heavyweight has been accused of sexual assault Nate Jones, 23. a heavyweight from Chicago, has served 20 months for armed robbery. David Reid, 22, the light-middleweight from Philadelphia, is accused of assaulting his girlfriend, and the father of Floyd Mayweather, 19, from Grand Rapids. Michigan, is serving time for deal-

ing in cocaine. The team are upset that NBC, the host broadcaster, is not showing boxing during prime time in mid-evening. the sport will be screened between 12.30 and 2am, instead. This is a change of policy for the American network over what used to occur several Olympics ago.

American attempts to draft Todd Martin into their Olympic tennis squad have been rejected by the International Tennis Federation, forcing Richey Reneberg, the doubles specialist, to fill the gap left by the withdrawal of Pete Sampras, the world No l. through injury.

Dick Ebersol, the NBC sports president, said: "When we put on boxing we lose up to 70 per cent of the female audience." However. Clay-Bey said: "The network has been reading about this team and decided not to show us."

Tarver added: "I believe it is a shame because of the character of these guys. The way we got here is great and the public should know. We are the last truly amateur sport left in the Games and we symbolise what amateur sport is all about. I think it's unfair to USA boxing that we get shut out like that from prime time NBC sports coverage. To uplift our sport and win back some of those fans that we have lost, including females. is an honourable ambition. Boxing is a beautiful sport."

Tarver claimed the team had been "stereotyped." "It is something that has been going on for some time and this team is trying hard. We have all had our ups and downs," he said.

None of us was born with golden spoons in our mouths. We have always had to work hard against all odds. If you look at all the individual stories, how we came up and what it took to get to this point. I say that we did well. We beat all the odds." Al Mitchell, the head coach.

id: "There should be a lot of positives about these young men. They represent the inner city. Ninety-nine per cent of these guys are from the 'hood' big city neighbourhoods.

Those are the guys who need role models, you've got a lot of positive stuff here . . . making the Olympics, being an Olympian, beating the problems you have.

"However, I guarantee the ones from the 'hood' have got a lot more grit because they are poor. I come from the 'hood' so I understand it."

US search for cracks in China Three-day event

FROM CRAIG LORD IN ATLANTA

THE swimming empire of China was not built in a day, it only felt like it in Rome 1994. when all three titles fell to the "new golden flowers" at the opening finals session of the

world championships.
First up, as she will be at the Georgia Tech pool in Atlanta today, was Le Jingyi, whose phenomenal 54.01sec world record in the 100 metres freestyle was half a second inside the previous best and 1.19sec faster than it took John Devitt, of Australia, to win the men's title in the same pool, the Stadio del Nuoto, at the

1960 Olympics.

If Le. 21, repeats her achievement today, watch the start and listen to the gasps. This muscular swimmer, the only daughter of a lift-maker's foreman in Shanghai, emerged from her dive half a bodylength up on rivals in Rome and turned at 50 metres a surreal 1.03sec ahead of world record pace and 0.79sec ahead of Franziska van Almsick, of Germany, who was eventually third in 54.77sec, but the rightful owner of the silver medal. Lu Bin, whose 54.15sec remains the second fastest ever, was suspended for steroid abuse within the month, one of 19 Chinese positive tests since

Le. whose stature prompted an Australian newspaper to run a full front-page picture of the swimmer's back, displaying the might of her wide shoulders in all their glory beneath the headline. "She's Back!", is likely to be chal-lenged only by Shan Ying, 17, her team-mate, who is regis-tered as being almost four inches shorter than the 5ft 11in van Almsick, 18. but looks almost as tall, and is said to be 12st heavier, at 11st, but looks bigger. Shan beat Le at the Chinese trials.

Those most likely to stop the

Chinese pattern of Rome emerging are the Americans. Amy van Dyken, 23, who took up swimming to cure her asthma and postponed her honeymoon to concentrate on the Games, believes "the Chinese swimmers can and will be beaten" and that "we're stronger and faster". Perhaps Angel Martino-Myers, 29, will fit the bill. She returned to the sport in 1991 after a two-year suspension for steroid abuse. Van Almsick, third in Barce-



Mark Foster, of Great Britain, practises in the Olympic pool in Atlanta yesterday wearing his Aquablade suit

lona when she was 14, will again be a medal contender, while Karen Pickering, 24, seventh behind Le in Rome in a British record of 55.79sec. will attempt to become the first British woman since 1984 to make an Olympic swimming

Both women have a better chance of success tomorrow in the 200 metres freestyle, in which the German leads the world and Pickering was world short-course championin 1993. Claudia Poll, the

is among the favourites, but watch for Yan Chen, the 15-year-old Atewcomer who shares a name with a 17-yearold team-mate who swims backstroke and could cause some of the worst confusion at the Games.

Chen the younger also tops the world rankings for the 400 metres medley. Chen has never been seen outside China so the Olympic final, assuming the likelihood of her making it, will, amazingly, be her international race. She Costa Rican who claimed the will face the woman who his lungs and has caused him same short-course title in 1995, stopped China's Lin Li at to pass out twice in the water,

Barcelona, Krizstina Egerszegi, of Hungary.

China will struggle to match the contenders for the 100 metres breaststroke crown tomorrow, the race likely to be all about Samantha Riley, the world champion from Australia. Penny Heyns, the world record holder from South Africa, and Amanda Beard, 14. from Irvine, California.

Tom Dolan, 20, the asthmatic with a congenitally narrow windpipe that on occasion restricts the passage of air to

is likely to be the most popular finalist. The world record holder and champion at 400 metres medley from Virginia, will be challenged by Jani Sievinen, of Finland.

Paul Palmer, 21, of Britain, hopes to make the final of the 200 metres freestyle, though his better event is the 400m later in the week, and teammate Richard Maden, 23, carries British hopes in the 100 metres breaststroke today. The event has produced two titles for Britain in the last four Games, but a place in the final

team eager to take up reins

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

three-day event team, led by Ian Stark, on Stanwick Ghost, sets out tomorrow in the Georgia International Horse Park to try to add the Olympic gold medal to its world and European titles.

The four in the team subject to the first horse inspection this afternoon - are Stark. William Fox-Pitt (Cosmopolitan). Gary Parsonage (Magic Rogue) and Karen Dixon (Too Smart). Looking fit and bronzed after their three weeks' acclimatisation, the four yesterday exuded confidence - and an impatience to get started.

Fifteen teams are competing in the event, in which the horses' ability to cope with the heat and humidity (94F and 85 per cent humidity yesterday) is likely to dictate the outcome.

Several have already suffered setbacks. The most significant of these is the loss of Mark Todd from the New Zealand team after Kayem, his horse, pulled a shoulder muscle at the beginning of the

Although New Zealand remain the favourites, the absence of Todd, an individual gold medal-winner in the Games at Los Angeles and Seoul, is a severe blow to morale. A dejected Todd said yesterday that he was hoping to catch the first plane

With several other key withdrawals - including Jean Lou Bigot, the former European champion, from the France team and Dorothy Trapp, the world silver medal-winner, from the United States team -Charles Lane, the Britain team manager, is quietly optimistic about his horses. "They have all been working well," he said yesterday. "Their tem-peratures are taken daily and they have been weighed regularly and none have shown

any ill effects." No team could have a better pathfinder than Stark. He won a team silver in Los Angeles and team and individsilver in Seoul, and is one of the most experienced riders,

A BUOYANT Great Britain Ghost, a ten-year-old gelding owned by Lady Hartington, on which he was sixth at Badminton, he has a horse to match his talent. As a thoroughbred, he is also expected to cope well in the heat.

It was the selectors' concern over Mary King's King William in the heat that persuad-ed them to put him in the individual contest - rogether with Leslie Law, on New Flavour, and Charlotte Bathe, on The Cool Customer rather than in his usual fourth spot in the team.

"He was bottomed out in the heat at the world championships in The Hague and there is always the chance he may remember that experience." Bridget Parker, the chairman of the selectors, said. If he does not. King will have an excel-lent chance for an individual

Dixon, who had "psyched" herself up to competing in the individual event, was surprised to hear of her announcement in the team, but soon rallied. I am quite happy — he is in good form and I know exactly the sort of places where he could make a mistake," she said.

Dixon, a team silver medalwinner in Seoul, is one of the more experienced riders, but Too Smart is capable of the odd mistake, as he showed at Badminton in May. Fox-Pitt and Parsonage both have reli-able cross-country horses, although this is Cosmopolitan's first four-star event. He excelled himself at the European championship last September, where he helped to win the team gold medal. Parsonage's Magic Rogue has been clear twice at Badminton and once

at Burghley.
The course, despite all the modifications necessary to ensure a safe competition in the heat, is, in the words of Michael Tucker, one of the selectors, "a proper Olympic course". Although the distances are

shorter, the fences themselves are in keeping with a four-star competition. "I'm delighted will suit us better. said. The riders have their first

Today BASEBALL: Round-robin: Nicaragua v United States (15.00); Australia v Cuba (20.00), Holland v Japan (01.00). Cube (20 00), Holland v Japan (01.00).

BASKETBALL: Men's prefirminary round: Pool A: Chira v Angola (20.00); Lithuania v Croetia (22.00); United States v Argentina (03.00) Pool B: Australia v South Korea (15.00); Greece v Yugoslavia (17.00), Puerto Rico v Brazi (07.00)

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Pool A: Spain v Germany (14.00);
Pakistan v United States (22.30); India
v Argentina (01.00). Women's roundrobin: United States v Holland (14.00);
Australia v Spain (16.00); Argentina v
Germany (22.30); South Korea v Great
Britain (01.00)

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JUDO: Men's over 95kg and women's over 72kg, preliminaries (14.30) and finals (20.00).

TELEVISION: BBC1: Olympic Grandstand 10.30am-5.10pm (with Open golf and racing from Newbury) and 3.35-9.30pm, 10.20pm-4.25am, BBC-Olympic Grandstand 3.05-7.25pm (with Open golf). Eurosport: 24-hour coverage from 6am.

Tomorrow BASEBALL: Round-robin: Italy v South Korea (20.00): Cuba v Japan (01.00)

BASKETBALL: Women's prefiminary round: Pool A: Brazil v Canada (15,00); Japan v Russia (22,00); Italy v Chira (30,00). Pool B: Zaire v Ukraine (17,00), United States v Cuba (20,00); South Korea v Australia (01,00). BOXING: First round (light-flyweight and heavyweight; 18.30 and 01.00). CYCLING: Women's road race

team dressage (first day, 14.00 and 20.00). 20 00).
FENCING: Men's individual sabre, preliminaries (16.00) and final stages (22.00); women's individual speepreliminaries (13.00) and final stages (20.00).

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SOFTBALL: Round-robin: United States v Puerto Rico (14.00); Canada v Taiwan (16.00); Australia v China (23.30); Japan v Holland (02.00). SWIMMING: Heats at 15.05 for evening treals Finals: Men: 400m inclividual mediev (00.55); 4 x 200m freestyle relay (01.43). Women: 200m freestyle (00.33); 100m breaststroke (01.21).

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SAILING: SCOTTISH SUCCESS REVERSES THE TREND IN SIGMA 33 CLASS

Pender turns the tide against England

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

SIMON PENDER, on the Clyde-based St Joan, yesterday held on to win the Sigma 33 national championship at Ford Cork Week, finishing tenth in the eighth and last race of the series, well ahead of his nearest rivals, John and Hillary Connelly, on Phoenix. who were well down the fleet

and Eventually retired. Racing for a second successive day in very light easterlies on a coastal course outside Cork Harbour, the 73strong fleet got away cleanly after a general recall and was

then led around the windward mark by David Wilson on at Plymouth in 1992. He was Vendaval, with Jeremy Vines, on Harmony, second.
On a shortened course,

Vines, from Hamble, won the race to the finish and took third place overall with 31.5pts. The Connellys finished with 17.5pts, Pender with

14.5pts. -Pender's has been a remarkably consistent performance, his tally of placings, after two discards, amounting to two firsts, two seconds, a third and

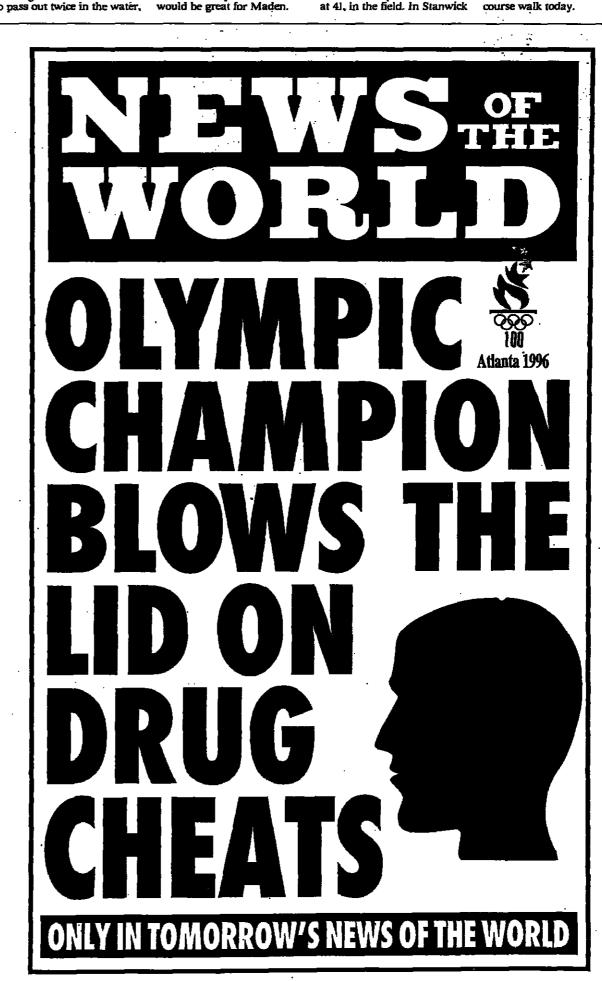
This is the second time he has won the championship. having prevailed on his home

waters in 1994. He was second delighted with the performance of his crew, which included his wife, Linda, and the yacht's owner, Ian Nicolson. He said the victory was achieved through a combination of consistency, good boat speed and good starts.

The Sigmas have enjoyed wonderful conditions at Cork where, for the first time in years. English and Scottish boats have competed against each other with the Scots prevailing, taking the top two places. The success of the class has already indicated to the regatta organisers that it ought to return when Ford Cork Week is next staged, in two year's time.

The light winds caused chaos in the regatta's "A Fleet", which is made up of the biggest boats from Classes 0, 1 and 2. In the first race, a traffic jam formed at the first windward mark as three boats stopped dead in the water and the rest piled up behind amid much swearing and collisions.

The overall winner in Class 0 was the Bashford-Howison 41 Silk 2, owned by Jocelyn Waller, ahead of two other BH 4ls. Colm Barrington's Surfin' Shoes and Nigel Bramwell's



Olympic flame fires global warming

PAUL HENDERSON is a hands-on Toronto plumber. He is also president of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU). For the past 18 months he has spent an average five hours of every day. free of charge, attempting to ensure that the IYRU's regatta at Savannah, part of the centennial Olympic Games that begin here today, will be properly organised for the

The dedication of Henderson. who, as an international competitor, crossed swords with rivals such as Dennis Conner and Ted Turner, and understands Olympic ambitions, is representative of the thousands who willingly strive to retain historic ethical ideals. The multi-millions of Shaquille O'Neal. the basketball player, mean nothing to most of the other 10,361 competitors gathered in the Olympic village. Each is here for their private, personal dream.

The New York Times yesterday affected not to understand the term "Olympic movement". Frank

viewer, had tricked Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee. in a foreign language, English, about the meaning on NBC television. Last night, an estimated two-thirds of the world's population was expected to be watching

the Olympic ceremony of a movement that has endured for 100 years. Dick Pound, of Canada, and Kevan Gosper, of Australia, Olympic finalists a generation ago and now executive board members, defined the magic that still touches the emotions of mankind.

"It is the ultimate experience," Pound, a swimmer in 1960, said. and the soul of the movement is the Olympic village - so many athletes, from so many countries, at the summit of their career. It hasn't changed. They are just better trained. A sporting career is not complete without Olympic participation." Gosper, a track silver medal-winner in 1956, said: "There is nothing bigger, nothing better,

nothing more international." In the last two days, tens of thousands have lined the streets of Atlanta, as they have for three months across America, just for a glimpse of the Olympic torch as it passes by. Families have picnicked beside the road. "It was the experience of my life," an American photographer, who had run a kilometre-stage, told me.

Samaranch has been inaccurately quoted as suggesting that the Olympic movement was more important than the Catholic religion. What he said was that it has more followers than any single religion. In China and India, more people recognise the Olympic rings than the cross of Christianity.

An Olympic Games marks a city like no other event - forever. There may be crass decisions here by the nising committee, the Centennial Park and the sidewalks may be disfigured by gouging sales oppor-tunists, but Atlanta will be imperceptibly altered for all time by the vision of Billy Payne and humanrights leader Andrew Young, a former Atlanta mayor, whose Christian and social convictions brought the Games home.

Starting today, there will be new heroes, and some old ones, such as



Steve Redgrave, trying again. Yet the Olympics are more about alsorans than are any other championships, which embrace only the elite. While Carl Lewis remains the legend of 1984, none have forgotten Gabriela Anderson-Schiess as she gallantly tottered into the Colosseum at the end of the women's marathon. Nor Derek Redmond. of Britain, as he limped to the line on the shoulder of his father in Barcelona four years ago.

ishable. Waiting for yesterday's ceremony. I met Herb McKenley,the 400 metres winner in London in 1948. His hero, still, is. Emil Zatopek, immortal for his treble of victories in the 5,000 metres, 10,000 metres and marathon. "Every step he took, you thought it was going to be his last" McKenley said. "His willpower was a reflection of the trials of all our lives. He was, and is, an

inspiration. Awaiting us these next two weeks are inspirational runners from Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Burundi, some as yet unknown, who run with a joy and freedom no commercialism can diminish. Between the world athletics championships of 1987 and those in Gothenburg last year, Kenya has won 34 world and Olympic medals: 17 gold, 11 silver and eight bronze.

Andre Agassi's tennis game may be adrift, but his father, Mike, competed for Iran's boxing team in 1948 and 1952, and nothing would keep Agassi Jr from participating. "To me it's a no-brain decision," he said of the choice by Jim Courier and Michael Chang not to

compete. Chris Brasher, the steeplechase champion of 1956, is misguided in his decision to stay away this summer because of the prevalence of drug abuse. Drugs may cloud a few events, yet to capitulate is morally feeble, a contradiction of the hopes to which civilisation must cling. Without perseverance in adversity there would have been no Crusades, no Reformation, no Renaissance, no Industrial Revolution. The Games, I believe, will survive in spite of all.

Sadly, the IOC has necessarily taken the unofficial decision that never again will a city such as Atlanta be allowed to host a Games without government guarantees. In its scramble to break even on a \$1.7 billion budget — and still needing another \$100 million from unsold tickets - Atlanta has engaged in unseemly scuffling.

Conversely, the message of some sponsors' commercials is more ethical than sales-insensitive, orientated towards an honourable Games. In one, a small boy enters an empty stadium, in awe. He gets into the starting blocks. As he runs 100 metres, he changes by degrees into an adult winning an Olympic medal. As he celebrates, he looks back down the track, and sees the tiny figure of his youth. They both smile. The commercial has run % seconds before the legend appears: "McDonald's. Proud sponsor of dreams coming true."

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I write this from a vast main press centre bursting at the seams with sponsors' electronic equipment that informs and simplifies the work of thousands

journalists. As Pound, the IOC's financial negotiator, said: "You cannot organise a Games at today's level of expectation without the support of sponsors." Every athlete and journalist in Atlanta is a beneficiary of

Irish qualifier storms in to share lead at halfway stage of the Open



McGinley plays out of a bunker during the second round at the Open yesterday, his 65 being good enough to give him a share of the halfway lead with Lehman

Records fall to Gallian

JASON GALLIAN scored a splendid 312, the highest individual score seen at Old Trafford, as cricket records tumbled while Lancashire took control of their match

against Derbyshire. Gallian beat the 311 scored by Bobby Simpson in the 1964 Ashes series and also moved to fourth in Lancashire's all-

time list of top scorers.

After batting throughout the first day to beat his previous career best of 171, the 25-year-old opener went on to face 583 balls while hitting 33 fours and four sixes. It was the first triple century in the championship since Brian Lara's 501 for Warwickshire against Durham at Edgbaston two years ago and only the tenth since the war.

chance, a sharp caught-andbowled to Kim Barnett on 216. before holing out to Adrian Rollins at long-on 96 runs

Lancashire immediately declared on 587 for nine from 189 overs and then Glen Chapple reduced Derbyshire to 35 for two. They were 78 for two at the close and still need another 360 to avoid follow-

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Nicklaus revives days of yore

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JACK NICKLAUS lit up the Open scoreboards at Royal Lytham and St Annes yesterday in the way that he used to 25 years ago. In the early 1970s, when the 1.62in golf ball was the standard, it would have been no surprise to see Nicklaus going round in 66 and having a putt to tie for the lead. Indeed, it would have been expected of him. He loved the Open, Britans loved him - it seemed the natural order of things.

Now, though, Nicklaus is 56 and even he looks mortal. He has a waistline that he is fighting to control, hair that he is hoping not to lose and a back that he is trying to strengthen. He has acquired the status of an elder statesz man because he is an elder statesman. Rounds like this one, which took him to seven under par and one stroke off the lead, are exceptional and to be treasured all the more because of that

Nearly three-quarters of a century after the Open was won at this Lancashire course by Bobby Jones, the greatest amateur in golf, Nicklaus, the greatest professional that the game has known, reminded us of some of the virtues that he has demonstrated so successfully in his long career. He drew spectators out to watch him as in days of yore.

Jones, in 1926, is the only American to win an Open at Lytham, and, as he did it when he was 24, it is expecting a bit much for Nicklaus, a man more than twice that age, to go all the way and win, and thus end one of the more unusual

His second round was vintage Nicklaus, nonetheless.

should have finished with one, too; in between, he demonstrated skill and control and

that his nerve remains strong. The last time that Nicklaus had a lower round than this in a major championship was when he won the 1986 Masters. The last Open in which he had consecutive rounds in the sixties was at the 1981 US Open. His last 66 in an Open was back in 1964, and the last time that he scored lower than this in an Open was in 1973,

when he had a 65. Nicklaus, who looked as though he enjoyed every minute of his round, later confirmed that this was indeed the case.

That's why I'm here," he said. "Aren't you supposed to have fun? Don't you enjoy 66s? If that's a form of torture, then torture me every day. The people were wonderful, but it's no fun waving to them when you're finishing at noon on Sunday or finishing at noon

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home. But when you're playing well and in contention, hell that's what you come for. That is what I played 40 years for."

It was a day of high temperatures and low scores, sunny and almost windless. There was magic abroad from the moment that Nicklaus birdied the 1st hole and Paul McGinley had a hole-in-one at the 9th, to the time that Severiano Ballesteros came to the 18th green to rapturous applause.

The second day of the 125th Open was one of those days when you simply did not know where to look for the next piece of excitement. Sometimes it came from the antics of a player such as Fred Couples. whose 18 holes comprised one eagle, four birdies, eight pars and five bogeys, and sometimes from the play of McGinley, whose misfortune was to play perhaps the round of his life and lead the Open on

the day that Nicklaus roared.



THE OPEN

McGinley's 65 for a 36-hole total of 134, eight under par, gave him the outright lead, though several players joined him on that figure at one point or another during their rounds before falling away again and before Tom Lehman birdied the 17th to go to eight under par and stay

Peter Hedblom, after a 65, and Ernie Els, after a 67, are,

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like Nicklaus, one stroke behind McGinley and Lehman. Lurking two strokes behind are Corey Pavin, who had a 66, Nick Faldo, a 68, Mark McCumber, a 69, and Padraig Harrington, a second successive 68. There are five major championship winners within three strokes of the

Among those who missed the cut were Colin Mont-gomerie (73, 74), Steve Elkington, the US PGA champion (75, 70), Paul Azinger (74, 77). Lee Janzen, the 1993 US Open champion (74, 77), Ian Woosnam (75, 72) and Steve Jones, the US Open champion (73, 73). Ballesteros was ten over par; poor lan Baker-Finch had 78 and 84 to be 20

What do we know of McGinley, an Irishman with coal-black hair and a 1,000watt smile? One memory is of him competing five years ago in the Walker Cup when, while watching a team-mate,

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the fairway and said, confidentily: "I am a player I can walk where i like.

Such confidence, allied to a charming nature, all mark him out from some of his lessgifted, taciturn contemporaries. He had struggled in the

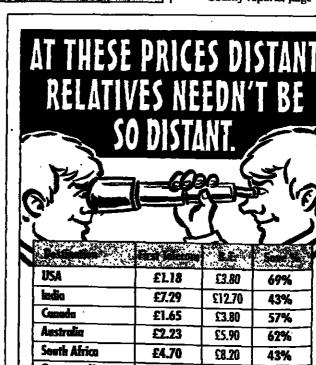
wind during the Scottish Open at Carnoustie last week and then had to qualify for this event, but a 66 in his first qualifying round indicated that the rigours of Scotland had inflicted no lasting damage and this view was confirmed yesterday.

Five years ago, McGinley was one of 30 young golfers who attended a seminar conducted by Faido at Welwyn Garden City. "Meeting Faldo took away the aura you have for the top stars." McGinley said. "These guys are very good, but they are not invinci-ble. He had dinner with us, talked to us. He gave us tuition and played golf with us. I came away from there knowing he was an ordinary human being, the same as

everyone else. "I have dreamed of coming down the last fairway at an Open, not with Nick Faldo but with anyone. Well, I'm going to do that now. I've made the cut for the first time. There is not a lot expected of me. I shall just try and keep focussed. am really looking forward to

the weekend " Michael Campbell, of New Zealand, who was joint-third in the Open last year, was disqualified yesterday after signing for wrong scores on his card. After rounds of 75 and 76, he would have missed the halfway cut anyway.

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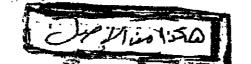
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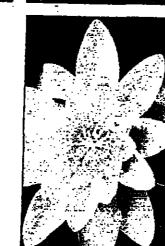
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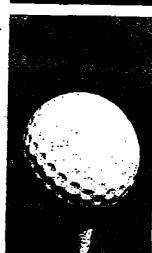


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FALENT TRIUMPHS IN PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Erica Wagner meets the children who took the winning pictures, and hears the judges' verdict

hat's it like when a tiger looks you straight in the eyes? Alice Mauder, aged six, says it's pretty frightening, but she was brave enough to capture its fearful symmetry on film, and her photo of the feline taking a cooling dip at Woburn Zoo captured the prize for her age group in The Times / London Zoo photography competition.

The judges had their work cut out. The

competition was launched on April 27, and since then more than 1,500 photographs — at least 400 from each age category of five to seven, eight to ten and 11 to 13 — of every kind of beast imaginable have been sent in to The Times. The judges — Peter J.S. Olney, director of the Federation of Zoos; Peter Stothard, Editor, and David Driver, head of design had to choose between lions and leopards, peacocks and pandas, gorillas and geckos.

They were impressed by the high standard of photographs, particularly those in the youngest category where they found it nearly impossible to find a winner out of four sharp, interesting pictures — three of them taken by Pierre Hyde, seven (far left), Alice Mauder and James Birch, seven, who are pictured here.

But that shouldn't have been too surprising. Take a trip to any zoo and watch children watching animals. Gazing at a lion lazing in its enclosure, a restless child will become still; watching a pirahna swim in quick, hungry circles around an aquarium tank, a talkative child will become silent - or make a pertinent remark ("Is that a bone in there?").

These days most children know what even the most exotic animals look like, now that the wildlife documentary has become a fixture on television. But while watching a televised cheetah bring down an antelope on the African plains is exciting, nothing compares to seeing a cheetah or antelope in the flesh. At a 200 you can be close enough to really see an animal, close enough to smell - and make your own observations. And, as young Alice says, sometimes that can be so exciting it's scary.

ut Alice, who is in Year One at Woodend Primary School in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, is an old hand at zoos; her great-grandmother gave her a year's member-ship to Whipsnade Zoo when she was tiny and she has been visiting ever since. Her grandmother, Maren, says that Alice has always been a keen photographer: "She's always

borrowing our carnera."

Alice's tiger picture was taken with a Nikon Zoom-300. The tigers were in the pool because it was hot," she says. "There were lots of monkeys, too, and they would bang on the car. But the tiger just sat there looking at me. He was very big." Now Alice won't have to sneak off with her grandmother's camera; she has won her own Fujifilm DL95—plus a Lifewatch

membership to London Zoo. Katherine Fannon, eight, from Bristol, our winner in the eight to ten-year-old category, will also be able to take a DL95 on future visits

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The Lloyd George diet proves it is not a political fire in the belly that makes a great statesman, rather it is what he puts on his plate

swear that Lloyd George was never acquainted with any of my family. and certainly not my father. Nevertheless. I can let you in on one of the bestkept secrets of early 20th-century political history by revealing precisely what it was that David Lloyd George enjoyed most of all for his tea.

And what place might this crumb of information have when the history of politics is written? Possibly, it is more significant than historians have hitherto appreciated, and could provide a clue to gaining true political status. My theory, which will be proved when we closely examine Lloyd George's diet, is that it is not a political fire in the belly that makes a great statesman, rather it is what he chooses to put on his plate.

That is why Bill Clinton will slip into the dusty forgotten footnotes of history while Chancellor Kohl will command tomes as weighty as himself. President Clinton, you see, recently revealed his favourite dish which, it appears, consists of bacon, served with chocolate, jam and cream. It is a slirny, confused mixture of flavours and textures and, in the long

Could you stomach a man of jelly? run, not much good for you. Would you vote for such a man? Enough said. If Bill Clinton had been a buffalo-eating, tintack-spitting president we might have believed that the grin on his face was one

of confidence, not queasiness in the pit of

his cream-filled stomach. Chancellor Kohl, on the other hand, famously declared before entering into a negotiation: "Let the speeches be short and the sausages be long." That's my boy. Nobody's going to kick sand into his pork-filled face

At home, things are less certain. We know that John Major's idea of a treat is a wobbly port jelly, from which we might infer any port in a storm, however shaky. I know nothing of what Tony Blair eats. but I deeply suspect him of being a couscous man, with much polenta passing secretly across his dining table, the curtains drawn so that his remaining supporters in the smokestack industries

Labour leader has replaced HP Sauce with pesto. I know even less about Paddy Ashdown's diet but, when asked what he would like for his tea. I suspect he might ask for "neither flesh nor fowl, but good red

herring". David Lloyd George, on the other hand, fed his eatness on traditional Welsh fodder. I know this from a recently published booklet entitled Lloyd George's Favourite Reci-

pes, which was originally compiled by the Criccieth Women's Institute, in which village he was a local hero. Blodwen Evans, who lived in Criccieth, worked for his family for 25 years and it is thanks to her revelations that we now know how



PAUL HEINEY

the great man dined. His favourites included pig's head brawn (always made by Sarah, the housekeeper). potato cake and shortbread, blackberry and apple cheese, cabinet pudding (naturally), steamed Snowdon pudding, grilled her-rings and a ground-rice soufflé with caramel sauce "he adored that"). All this fuelled the furnace of his rhetoric and conviction, and gave us such gems as: The Right Honorable gen-

tleman has sat so long on the fence that the iron has entered his soul" and, "When they circumcised Herbert Samuel they threw away the wrong bit." And so to his favourite of all, and one which I hope politicians of all parties will consume heartily with a view

next general election.

It is a cacen gri (sorry, I don't know how you pronounce it) done in the only manner in which Lloyd George would eat it — cooked by his first wife, Dame Margaret. The recipe book records that ". he would take a long walk in the afternoon... often coming home soaked to the skin... After a few moments he would look at Dame Margaret and say, coaxingly: Make me a cacen gri. And, of course, she always would."

leeling statesmanlike already, I went to the larder for the required pound of flour, six ounces of butter, an egg, a few currants, sugar, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda. The measure of bicarbonate of soda is tricky. for the recipe asks for "as much as a sixpenny piece will hold". Try half a teaspoon. You also need some milk.

Rub the butter into the flour quickly imagine a hungry Lloyd George remov-ing his sodden cape) having added a teaspoon of baking powder and half a teaspoon of bicarb. A generous handful of currants (size dependent on severity of weather) and sugar to taste (ditto). Beat the egg into about half a pint of milk and then beat that mixture into the flour until you have a dough which is stiff enough to roll out into a thin sheet. It is best baked on a greased griddle, but there is nothing better than a little oil rubbed across the cool plate of an Aga. Try a really heavybottomed frying pan if not.

The result is a large, speckled, golden

bread, halfway between a thick pancake and flat scone. It takes butter when hot like a politician soaks up flattery, but becomes sad when cold.

It will now be a firm favourite in this family. Lloyd George knew what good grub was, and good grub certainly knew Lloyd George.

 Lloyd George's Favourite Recipes can be obtained from John Jones Publishing. Borthwen, Wrexham Road. Ruthin, Clwyd LL15 IDA (01824707255).

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Set the stage for an interval dinner

THEATRE PICNIC Serves four

Roasted vegetable and tapenade rolls Goats' cheese and roasted fennel rolls

Double-chocolate brownies Mid-week trips to the theatre

pose the problem of how you follow the play when your mind and ears are occupied by a rumbling tummy. This theatre picnic can be taken to work and eaten before the play or in the interval.

The night before Pre-heat the oven to 180C/ 350F/Gas mark 4.

Prepare roasted

Cut two red peppers in half and de-seed. Cut the leaves and thin stalks off a bulb of

into four thick slices. Cut one large beefsteak tomato (or three medium tomatoes) into thick slices. Peel four shallots. Put all the vegetables in a roasting tin. Season with a salt and pepper and pour over 2tbs olive oil.

■ Make brownies

Put 140g (5oz) plain flour, 225g (80z) caster sugar, 2ths cocoa powder, 100g (40z) plain chocolate (broken into pieces) and a pinch of baking powder in a food processor bowl. Whizz until the chocolate is broken into chips. Add 100g (40z) butter, two eggs, Itsp vanilla essence and 80g (3oz) walnuts or pecan nuts. Whizz until you get a sticky dough. Put into a greased baking tin so the mixture is 2-3cm high.

■ Cook the brownies and

Put the brownies and the vegetables in the pre-heated

Shopping list

Fruit and vegetables: 2 red peppers 1 bulb fennel 1 beefsteak or 3 medium tomatoes 4 shallots

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Take out the vegetables. When they are cool, take the skin off the red peppers. To check if the brownies are cooked, stick a knife into the mixture and see if it comes away cleanly (bearing in mind that they are going to be slightly sticky in the middle). When they have cooled a little, turn the brownies and cool on a wire rack.

■ Before work

Cut four white and four brown rolls in half. Trickle a little olive oil on the bread. Fill the brown rolls with a piece of roasted fennel and a slice of goats' cheese. Season with pepper. Spread the bottom of the white rolls with a scraping of tapenade or black olive paste. Fill each roll with half a roasted red pepper, one shal-lot (cut in half), a slice or two of tomato and a roughly torn

Put the rolls into four sandwich bags, one brown and one white roll in each. Cut the brownies into pieces and put four pieces in a plastic bag. Put the rest in an airtight container and serve with icecream as a pudding (or eat them during the day whenever you need a sugar rush).

Serving I have never had any trouble with my picnics, but I imagine theatre managements generally prefer you to eat ice-cream or sandwiches, so find a discreet spot (and not in the auditorium). I occasionally take a bottle of wine to the theatre, which means you avoid the crush at the bar.

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Despite new fillings, sales of quiche have remained static since the 1970s when it was claimed that you wouldn't catch real men eating it

Manly

RUMMAGING through a second-hand bookshop the other day, I came across a dogeared copy of Real Men Don't Eat Quiche, a book which dealt quiche a body-blow from which the savoury has never fully recovered. The theory, for those of you too young to remember, was that men needed to reassert their masculinity after being ground down by nappy changing, washing their own socks and having to discuss their feelings. And part of that was rejecting "women's" food like muesli, salads and quiche.

Curiously it is quiche that has borne the brunt of this opprobrium. While salads go from strength to strength, buoved by such innovations as the layered salad and packs of exotic leaves, quiche plods on with the same fillings as ten years ago — quiche lorraine, cheese and onion or, for the adventurous, cheese and broccoli. A Tesco spokesman told me they've tried to make it sexier but new flavours like pecorino cheese and basil have bombed. "Now we just concentrate on improving the quality of the filling and the crust.`

Obviously, men robust enough to continue eating quiche despite the onslaugh on their masculinity don't want it mucked about with. Marks & Spencer -- which has just released a manly ham. cheese and pickle quiche reveals that its main sales are up North where, a closet quiche-eater tells me, women don't make the mistake of serving it by the slice. It's obviously not that Real Men don't like quiche, they just want the whole thing to them-selves. Preferably with chips.

Cool gruel

ANOTHER thing that Real Men are supposed to detest is soup - particularly cold - but some of them must be sneakily eating it as the increase in the fresh soup market from about

E2 million in 1990 to E36 million last year can't solely be accounted for by women. According to Caroline Jeremy, marketing director of the New Covent Garden Soup Company, there has been a seachange in the past three years. "A number of our soups are designed to be served cold but we knew people were secretly



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they'd write to us and com-plain they were too thin. But a couple of hot summers seems to have made people willing to experiment more."

Men are perfectly prepared to eat soup, Ms Jeremy tells me, as long as they're not too smooth and bland (the soups, that is, not the chaps). The company has had great suc-cess with its gazpacho (though I'd personally be inclined to add a spot more garlic). The lemongrass and coriander is also good. Both are widely available for £1.09.

Game preserve

SO BLASÉ are we these days about being able to get ingredients from all over the globe that it's rare to find something genuinely new and exone. But the Old Cape Farm Stali range of jams and pickles from South Africa is exactly that.

What makes them so different is not only that many of the fruit and vegetables they use are unfamiliar but that they use whole fruit which gives the jams a wonderfully chunky texture. They also resist the temptation to overdo the sugar so you get the benefit of the pure-fruit flavour. Among the ones I've tasted I particularly liked the kumquat preserve which tastes like the best kind of homemade bitter orange marmalade, the Cape goose-berry jam, and the guava jam, which is so delicious you could eat it by the spoonful (which I'm ashamed to say I did). And the End of the Garden pickle, which contains great chunks of cabbage, beans and green tomatoes, knocks spots off any shop-bought piccalilli.

The snag (there has, of course, to be one) is that they're expensive at £4.50 for a 450g jar or £2.30 for 150g. which won't last you a minute but does at least give you a chance to decide which flavour you like best. You can buy them from Fortnum & Mason in London from the end of this month or ring 0171-381 9471 for details of other stockists and mail order.

Glory days

IT'S RARE these days to see that great 1950s classic the knickerbocker glory, so news that it was featuring on a new afternoon tea menu at Simpson's sent me off hotfoot to the Strand in central London. Only when it was served up did I realise that I had no way of knowing if the frothy cream and fruit concoction was au-thentic or not. Although knickerbocker glory was part of the mythology of my childhood, I never actually sampled one.

The whole Simpson's experience was in fact slightly surreal, although the staff were young and relentlessly chirpy. As each course of the Bunteresque menu appeared. the waitress said: "Once more into the breach then?" In fact, it's possible that the

staff in the kitchen were all iobbing actors, which might explain one or two eccentricities on the menu like the crumpets being served unbuttered and the doorstep cucumber sandwiches.

On the other hand, the Welsh rarebit, bread pudding and eclairs were hard to fault and the "servants' tea" was the best cuppa I'd had in ages.

If you want to go somewhere where no one knows the meaning of low-fat cuisine, tea is served from 3pm to 5pm, Monday to Saturday, and costs £10.50 (the rarebit and knickerbocker glory are, alas, extra). Ring 0171-836 9112.

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IF YOU are a knickerbocker glory fan, you may well like the sound of Fatty Towers in Margate, a hotel owned by 24stone pop star Buster Bloodvessel, the lead singer of Bad Manners. Mr Bloodvessel, as he likes to be known, was fed up with the namby-pamby helpings offered by most restaurants and hotel dining rooms and is offering a menu of gargantuan proportions. Specials include Cardiac Arrest (a giant toad-in-thehole containing four 8oz sau-sages), Buster's Battered Fish and Chips (16oz of salmon fillet in batter) and UXB Kiev (20oz of chicken breast stuffed

with garlic butter). Surprisingly, the enterprise is not going too well. "People think they can only come here if they're fat," says Mr Bloodvessel. If you're prepared to brave it, dinner is served from Thursday to Sunday, with lunch on weekends. Book on 01843 296200.

> More food and drink in the Magazine Le Creuset offer, page 11

Chocolate Box WHY BUY "ethical chocolate"? Well, let's

just say that some chocolate is produced in ways that reward the growers of the cocoa beans fairly for their efforts, while other chocolate manufacturers seem uncaring about the welfare of the labourers. The price of cocoa beans has actually gone

down in recent years, and crops are not reliable. Cocoa can be grown only in tropical areas and is labour-intensive. Large manufacturers can - and do - control the prices they pay, and have been known to renege on

agreements, leaving growers in dire straits.
Organisations such as Traidcraft, set up
in 1979, and Green & Black's, part of Whole Earth Foods, pledge to deal fairty with producers, guaranteeing prices and paying in advance, as well as insisting on organic cultivation. There are no pesticides, such as those believed to have produced birth deformities among women cocoa workers in some Brazilian plantations, and the beans are grown alongside subsistence crops beneath the canopy of the rainforests, not in deared areas. The chocolate itself is produced in Europe, in small factories in Switzerland, France or England.

Of the plain chocolate brands I tasted last week, Green & Black's Maya Gold and

Organic Dark (both with 70 per cent cocoa solids) stood out, although Fairtrade's Mascao Plain (60 per cent) was not far behind. These are rich, dark chocolates, not as bitter as, say, the equivalent Lindt or Nestle and, in the case of the Maya Gold, flavoured with spices and orange. Green & Black's Organic Mint (70 per cent), also dark, has a terrific mint filling.

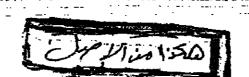
Of the milk chocolates. Green & Black's (34 per cent) and Massao (32 per cent) were preferred to Traidcraft's Compañero bars (32 per cent), flavoured with honey or mocha, or the Mascao with nuts or orange. All seemed very sweet after the plain chocolate, but the sugar is also produced

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Stockists: Green & Black's can be found in major supermarkets and health-food shops. £1.35-£1.85 for 100g. 39p for 20g. Contact PO Box 1937. London W11 1ZU (0)71-243 (0562) for more

1937, London WII 1ZU (0171-243 0562) for more information and a recipe leaflet.

Fairtrade's Mascao bars are £1.30-£1.50 for 100g, and Compañero 65p for 50g. They can be found in charity shops and many independent retailers, but not in supermarkets. Contact Traidcraft. Kingsway North. Gateshead. Tyne 8 Wear NEII ONE (0191-491 0591).



INSIDE STORY



Trunk call: by runner-up Mandy Elizabeth Jones, aged six, of Wrexham, Clwyd

'Zoos are no longer places just to go and gawp; now they work hard to help conserve animals'

Continued from page 1 to the zoo: the judges were delighted by the remarkable quality of her photograph of an elephant with its trunk artfully curled.

Alex Ballantine, 13, of Learnington Spa, Warwickshire, the winner of our 11-13 category, sent in a picture in which the the marvellous are of feathers displayed by a peacock com-pletely filled the print. It was aken, with his grandmother's Nikon (clearly grandmothers ; ty a vital role in the careers of budding photgraphers), at the Cotswolds Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire. where the peacocks roam free-

ly in the grounds. 'We heard the peacocks calling for a while," says Alex. who has been a keen photographer since a visit with his school to Blenheim Palace in 1993, "and then one just came out and was literally standing

next to us." Alex wins a Fuji DL-270 Zoom camera.

What makes a good animal photograph? When we launched the competition, Ray Charter, keeper in charge of the lion terraces at London Zoo, and a photographer himself - it is his work that often appears on the zoo's postcards and posters — advised pro-spective photographers to look for something different an unusual angle or a close-up.

Michael Lyster, the zoo's official photgrapher, suggest-ed a visit at feeding time. Andrew Lawrence, 13, whose close-up shot of an

elephant's eye was a runner-up, was experimenting with

tion is the high quality of exposure and definition. This is possible through the

new generation of fully automatic

cameras, where film choice, exposure

and often focusing can be left to the

camera. This automation leaves the

photographer free to be as creative in

choice of subject and composition as

Zoos and safari parks offer photogra-

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entrants have shown patience in captur-

the imagination will allow.



an old manual camera when he took the shot. He admits that it was lucky: "I was

probably trying to take a

better shot from a distance

nother of our young

Elizabeth Jones, six, who lives with her

parents Beverly and David at Wrexham, Clwyd, caught an

sitting on her father's shoul-

judges who were impressed

with the quality of the pictures.

So, 100, was the Children's

Committee of London Zoo, a

16-strong group of children

aged eight to 14, chosen each

year in a national competition. Since the project started three

years ago, the committee,

It wasn't only The Times

and lost focus," he says.

picture top left).

which visits the 200 five or six times a year, has given its counsel on a wide variety of the zoo's campaigns, including the design of the new children's 200 and the 200's advertising promotions. It has also helped to carry out questionmal "adoption" (If John Major were to adopt an animal, said one question, what should it be? A grey mullet was a

elephant at Chester Zoo reachcommon answer). ing for a snack of grass (see The committee visited The Times and offered its opinions She had been paying close of what made the strongest animal pictures. "They should attention to the elephants, have a really funny expression on their faces, said Toby because of all the animals they are her favourites. She had tried to get a picture of Chester's new baby elephant but wasn't tall enough to see Hyde, 11, who liked Dominic Cook's photograph of a madly grinning liama. "The animals anything but the bars of the enclosure. She got over that by

should also be doing what they're doing in the wild." Sarah Hamilton, 11, agreed, pointing to Emma Rosenfeld's picture of a giraffe, its head appearing crowned with a ring of leaves. "You couldn't tell that was in a zoo," she said.

To David Driver, and to all our judges, that was an important point: The main problem in taking 200 pictures is the 200 context. In the wild there are no bars, pits or islands of

Cover picture by MARK HARRISON shows Pierre Hyde (far left), Alice Mauder and James Birch

confinement, though in the wild or on safari you can't get as close to the animals."

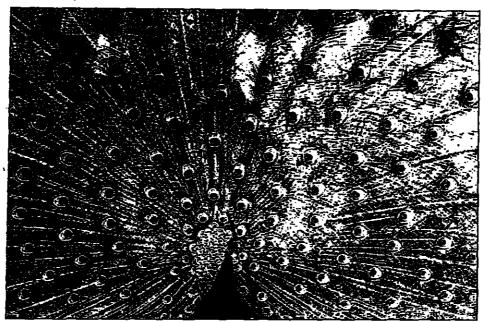
One of the reasons he liked Mandy's elephant photo was the good use it made of the zoo environment. "It couldn't have been anywhere but in a 200, elephant was behaving made it special."

The same could be said for James Birch's picture of a peckish orangutan taken at Chester Zoo (see below). James, seven, a pupil at Cassiobury Infants School at Watford, Hertfordshire, took his picture with an Olympus NJÚ. "There was a sign saying don't give food to the orangutan," he says. "But it wanted food so it put its hand out. We were eating ice-creams, but we

didn't give it any."

Ian Redmond, a wildlife biologist, photographer and author of two Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness guides. Elephants and Gorilla, believes that children have much to gain from practising their photographic skills at a 200. With a still photograph you have a chance to look at something without the distraction of movement. My own children take pictures at the 200, and they'll be able to point' out on the picture whatever





The eyes have it: Alex Ballantine, 13, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and (above) the winning picture he took of a peacock's display

aspect of the animal's behav-

iour that interested them, even

on a poor quality photo-

graph." Photographs from a

zoo visit, he adds, reinforce the

It may seem strange that the

experience many times over.

tion. Pierre Hyde, seven, from Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, whose sleeping leopard, photographed at Marwell Zoo, was another strong contender, loves zoos. but admits that he does "feel a bit sorry for the animals when they are in cages". adly, there is less and less land for wild ani-

mals to roam in. Colin Tudge, a zoologist and author of The Day Before Yesterday and The Last Animais at the Zoo, says that maintaining a viable population of tigers in the wild Yorkshire — and it seems that Asia, where the tigers live, cannot spare that kind of space. So zoos and safari parks not only give children practi-cally their only chance to have a "close encounter" with wild animals, they may well pro-vide the only future for the animals themselves, protecting them from the encroaching human population and the

dangers of hunters and poach-

ers. (Last week Il Barbary

lions, believed extinct since the

zoo in Ethiopia). Peter Olney says that children are the conservationists of

the future. "Zoos are like enormous reserves, where ani-mals are ambassadors for their relatives in the wild. They're no longer places just to go and gawp; now they do important conservation work. That's what we want all zoo visitors to realise, but children particularly."

David Driver noted one quality that stood out in all the pictures: "An affection for animals ... all the photographs showed their warm, appealing aspects."

It is this love of animals that

will keep children - and the adults they will become carring for the 200s of the present and future and supporting them in their work. Even if that means staring down the occasional tiger. Additional research by

Caroline Griffiths. All those who entered the competition will receive their Fujicolour Quicksnap camen

Zoo offer, page 18

OPEN LETTER TO A CARING COMMUNITY

winning photographs in a zoo

photography competition

should, in the main, look as if

they could have been taken in

the wild. Attitudes to zoos

remain divided, despite their

transformation from menag-

There seems to be so much <u>unavoidable</u> suffering in the world. We appeal for your support to reduce <u>avoidable</u> suffering.

We aim to raise funds to advance scientific research into pre-natal and post-natal experience. This research is needed to identify areas of harm or benefit to unborn and premature babies, including above all the question of pain and its alleviation.

to operate advances, invasive surgical techniques in the womb including termination (20,000 femses are terminated annually in the UK after 13 weeks), life saving shunt insertions (where fluid is drained from the beby), blood transfissions, seyhole surgery (where drained from the beby), blood transfisions, keyhole surgery (where the baby is operated on whilst still in the womb) and routine tests such as amniocentesis are all currently performed with no pain relief for the pre-born,

It was discovered ten years ago that premature bebies who need surgery also need anaesthetics. The survival rate was found to increase dramatically when deep anaesthesia was administered. Further research is now needed to enable doctors to provide oved control of suffering.

The right to ban cruelty to animals is being established. This right should apply equally to avoidable human suffering. A recent report by a research specialist in the Lancet adds to the evidence of preal discress and recommends appearhetics to min All can unite with our appeal for the new-born and pre-born to be protected from pain. But research is needed to determine HOW

pain relief can be provided. We aim to raise funds for the few research centres working to achieve this. We also call for increased research into pre-natal influences and their long term consequences. This is urgently required. More information is needed on measures which help to build healthy

babies. Research is equally needed to identify influences in the pre-matal environment which may cause illness later on in life. Will you support our work for these and other priorities which will ensure Women and Children's welfare?

A public fund-raising appeal bas been launched. It is endorsed by community leaders. The following are already Co-Concerned:

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THE SECRETS OF TAKING A WINNING PICTURE



Above: the curling trunk made Katherine Fannon, of Bristol, a winner. Right: the begging orangutan by James Birch ing the right moment to press the button. What sets apart a competent THE MOST striking thing about the photographs entered in our competi-

> simplified to three golden rules: ■ REMEMBER that a camera is an extension of your eyes. What you see in the viewfinder is what you will see on the print. Before you press the shutter button be sure you that have composed the picture to its best advantage.

> picture from a very good picture can be

■ TAKE lots of pictures. Have a spare roll of film handy. Always be aware of phers wonderful opportunities to obwhen your last frame is coming up. because there is always a better picture

just around the corner - and it is often missed because you have reached the end of your roll.

■ DO NOT be afraid to ask your subject to move into a different position. Always be prepared to change your position in relation to the subject. be it a landscape, a group of people or an animal. You may get a better angle by moving closer, above, or below. And take advantage of the light.

GRAHAM WOOD ◆ The author is a photographer and picture editor of The Times Magazine.

GARDENING

Tribute to a nation's flora

Work has begun on the only new botanic garden in Britain this century

he opening date for the new National Botanic Garden for Wales is May 26, 2000. The reason for such long-range confidence is a £21 million grant from the Millennium fund announced earlier this year.

Before that, a small band of dedicated volunteers had put six years' unpaid work into planning and preparation. "It astonished me that the project remained alive through the recession of the early Nineties," says William Wilkins, the acting project director.

The national showpiece will double as a visitor attraction and centre of scientific research. It will be the first large-scale botanic garden to be built in Britain this century and will concentrate on preserving the endan-gered flora of Wales and the European seaboard.

Its home will be the 560-acre site of Middleton Hall Estate, a property once owned by Sir William Paxton, former master of the Calcutta Mint and agent for the East India Company. A property developer and man of vision, Paxton was responsible for many innovative projects, including the creation of Tenby as a seaside spa, and the supplying of running water to Carmarthen town, seven miles to the west.

His vision for Middleton was of a distinguished garden in the late 18thcentury manner, through which water would run as a natural thread. Its design is believed to have been the work of William Emes (1730-1803) an admirer of Capability Brown.

Built in 1776, the original hall was said to have been the finest modern house in the south of Wales. This burnt down in 1931 and the park was dismembered into numerous smallholdings. Fortunately, the recent discovery of two watercolours of Middleton by Thomas Hornor means that planners have an accurate impression of how the gardens looked in their heyday.

ccording to Mr Wilkins, a professional painter with a lifelong interest in landscape, two thrilling features that set this place apart are its fine aesthetic statement about the relationship between man and nature based on 18th-century thinking, and the central role of water in the site.

Six lakes at different levels were linked by cascades and falls. No artifice was spared to ensure an entirely natural effect. The bed of the river beneath one particularly beautiful bridge, for instance, was paved to provide a smooth flow of water that ensured onlookers a perfect reflection

of the arch above. In addition to its lakes, Middleton Hall boasted rock gardens, orchards and a unique, five-acre double-walled garden in which, according to one visiting botanist, you could grow anything. Many varietes of plants that have been bred in Wales at Xlyne, Bodnant and Powis Castle will be brought together here. Mr Wilkins says. These include magnolias and



An artist's impression of the inside of the domed glasshouse planned for the National Botanic Garden for Wales at Middleton Hall, Carmarthenshire



The original Middleton Hall estate as envisaged by Sir William Paxton and (right) how Wales's national garden will look when it opens in 2000

many rhododendrons developed by Lord Aberconway, Viburnum bodnantense, artemisia 'Powis Castle' and Cupressus leviand

Five of the original lakes are now no more than reedy hollows in the landscape but many natural features. including indigenous woodlands, banks of bluebells, numerous ferns, mosses and fungi, survive.

Standing on the elevated site of the manor drawing room, Mr Wilkins indicated the main outline of the new project. At the heart of the complex will be a domed glasshouse, designed by Sir Norman Foster and Partners. which will accommodate five different climate and soil zones. Descending from the glasshouse to an upper intersected by five waterfalls and on the hillside opposite an arboretum, to be called "Woods of the World", will contain complete woodland habitats

of four continents. Two novelties that would doubtless have appealed to Paxton, the innovator, will be the bioscope, a state-ofthe-art audiovisual introduction to the garden and botany, and the bioverse, a hands-on science centre for children and adults.

During its construction the garden will provide work for 244, and 120 permanent jobs will be created. Parts early as May 1998.

Despite its apparently remote location the estate is within 300 yards of the busy M4, although a substantial hill shields it from the sight and sound of traffic.

The Middleton Hall project, which has the backing of the local authorities, the Welsh Development Agency and the Wales Tourist Board, should prove a focal point for visitors to the area, particularly keen gardeners. "We are going to trigger a renaissance of interest in all the gardens of Wales," Mr Wilkins says.

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Carreg Cennen, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire SA19 6TL Leading botanic gardens: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, west London (0181-332 5000); Belfast Botanic Gardens (01232 324902): Cambridge University Botanic Gardens (01223 336265): Edinburgh Botanic Gardens (0131 522171); University Botanic

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GARDEN ANSWERS



replies to readers' letters

Q For the past three years my mature pear tree has been affected by maggots. To minimise the spread I have picked from the tree about 1,500 deformed fruitlets and collected more from the soil. There are now only two or three dozen left unaffected on the tree. What should I do to prevent repetition? Before this the tree was iaden with excellent fruits. L. Clajkowski, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Your problem is a gall midge, specific to pears, which lays its eggs in the flowers during March or April. Dozens of minute, white larvae develop in the distorted fruitlets, which blacken and fall, usually in May or June. When the fruits fall, the mature larvae crawl into the soil where they remain until emerging as adult midges the following spring. Treatment is to collect and burn all affected fruits. Cultivate the soil lightly beneath the tree and treat it with an insecticidal dust, such as HCH, in spring. The spraying of a large tree with insecticide. just as the buds are about to burst, is possible but not easy. Early or late-flowering pears manage better to evade the midge's unwanted attentions.

Can you please iden-tify the enclosed leaf and flower of a perennial which grows 4ft-5ft high? G.A. Hanson, Wigan,

I wish I could, but by A the time the leaf got to me it was a streak of brown mush. Please try again. The best way to send a sample through the post is as dry as possible and sealed in a clean plastic bag. Mark the envelope "plant material — URGENT". I hope next time I can help.

We wish to plant two or three rhododen-drons to hide a compost heap. Ideally we would like a clump 5ft-7ft high and 15ft across when fully grown. Our soil is clay and the shrubs would be in the shade from a large ash tree. Early flowering would be preferred.— Mrs P. Rudling, Stafford.

A The earliest rhododen-drons are species not so easy to grow in impover-ished conditions. The easier hybrids flower from May through June. Is that early enough? Acid or neutral clay is acceptable if you build up a foot of good, open-textured soil above the clay and plant into that. L would plant three 'Curi ningham's White', an old variety with a pinkish bud, which starts off the hybrid season in early May. In old age it will be taller than 7ft. I would go for a variety that covers the compost heap quickly and can be cut later, rather than a slow grower.

Last year I planted Q clematis 'Anrew' in an old apple tree. Can you tell me when it flowers and what colour will be? — J. Ferguson, Rainham, Essex.

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 Readers wishing to have their gardening problems answered should write to: Garden An-swers, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that few personal answers can be given and that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. The Times also regrets letters cannot be returned.

WEEKEND TIPS

before flower growth is induced by autumn rain. Single bulbs will soon build up again into clumps.

Cuttings of pinks may be taken now, using 3in long shoots around a pot of sandy compost.

■ Regal pelargoniums may be rested for a few weeks with

little water before starting into growth again.

■ Liquid feed cucumbers, tomatoes and courgettes

■ Shorten side shoots on plums; earth up and stake Brussels sprouts in windy gardens; and spray potatoes.

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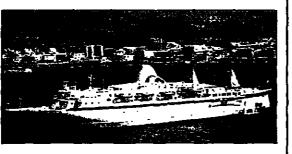
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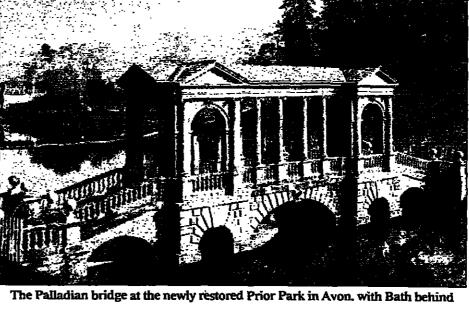
Cornwall's gardens are renowned for their spring and early-summer displays, but few come to their best in highsummer. Bosvigo House is one that does and offers holiday-makers in Cornwall not only an enlightening garden to visit but an array of unusual plants to buy and take home. Around the 18th-century house the Perrys have, during the last 15 years, planted and designed in a style both con-trolled and yet adventurous. This is exemplified in the hot garden, which lies enclosed by mixed hedges on the edge of the one-acre woodland. Brilliant shades of red, orange and yellow flowers: dahlias and alstroemerias interplanted with roses in shades of red and purple are ingeniously matched with an array of purple foliage ranging from beech to beetroot.

Whether following the woodland walk or admiring the smaller-scale enclosures and walled garden, visitors can appreciate that the attention to detail in plant combinations is exemplary. Unusual pelargoniums are a speciality but the nursery is packed with a variety of delights.

Stone House Cottage, Stone, Kidderminster, Worcestershire (01562 69902)

In Stone, two miles south of Kidderminster on A448. Open Mar-Sept, Wed-Sat, and Augt 25 and 26, 10am-5.30pm. £2, children free.

There is a select group of gardens that I would visit every year for the combination of enjoyment and education they provide. Stone House Cottage is unquestionably one of them. As you approach, a



Gardens to visit this weekend

glimpse of the San-Gimini-ano-like brick towers appears. They are the work of James Arbuthnot whose building skills, evident in the garden's selection of follies, comple-ment his wife's horticultural ones. Before entering the garden through a delightful brick gatehouse you are tempted to stray immediately one side, to the rows of plants in the nursery. But these are best left until later, when you have had the chance to admire many of them growing against the brick walls or in the borders of the garden. From ornamental trees planted in groups where the grass is left rough-mown to tiny alpines in a pattern of raised beds in front of the house, there is a glowing healthiness among the plants, many of which are rare. Given the range and quantity of plants, it would be misleading to suggest special-ities, but the combinations of wall-plants and climbers are especially striking -- and at

most times of the flowering year. Right now, clematis 'Etoile Rose' growing through Pittosporum 'Abbotsbury Gold' and the pale-yellow flower Rose Leuverkesen' with the pale-blue flowered species Clematis viticella and Clematis rhederiana, whose yellow flowers smell of cowslips, clambering together is a small selection of the treats on offer to visitors.

Prior Park, Bath, Avon (01985 843600)

In Bath, entrance on Ralph Allen Drive, via public transport from city centre, no parking at garden. Open daily from July 18, except Tues, noon-5,30pm (dusk if earlier). E3.80, children

There could be no better setting for a quintessential English landscape garden than the Georgian city of Bath. and Prior Park is one of England's most significant

landscape movement. In 1993, the garden was given to the National Trust and this weekend sees it open after a programme of repair and restoration costing £500,000 and confirming the trust's ability to carry out such work. Being only 28 acres, it is in some ways a microcosm of the qualities that distinguished the 18th-century garden, but the qualities are all there none the less. The garden was created by a combination of the period's most distin-guished cultural and gardening figures: Ralph Allen, connoisseur, entrepreneur and philanthropist, who was Prior Park's owner and for whom the Bath architect, John Wood, built the Palladian mansion; Allen's friend and informal adviser, Alexander Popel, and Capability Brown. who landscaped the garden. The view is dominated by the most important of Prior Park's garden buildings, the Palladi-

products of the 18th-century

three in the country and sited for utmost effect. The bridge crosses one of the series of three lakes around which the landscape of woodland and sweeping grass slopes was designed. Newly rebuilt paths lead through the wilderness and other areas where visitors can admire Prior Park's other architectural ornaments.

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Any gardening enthusiast holidaying on the Pembroke-shire coast in west Wales should visit Hilton Court. They should also remember to leave space in their car for the plants they will inevitably buy in the nursery that overlooks the garden. The site is old. with an 18th-century house. but the garden is substantially as created by the present owners during the last seven years. The most impressive feature is the view across the garden and series of interlinking lakes that have been created from the existing stream. At this time of year the garden has a speciacular display of water lilies and other aquatic plants, in particular enormous gunnera. Among a wide range of flowering trees and shrubs the foliage of paulownia imperialis and a purple-leaved catalpha are impressive from now through 10 flower. In the nursery, as well as the aquatics, an intriguing speciality are plants resistant to wind and spray, suitable lot seaside gardening.

GEORGE PLUMPTRE

Irrigation for dry humour in Sussex

Julian Treyer Evans creates a piece of whimsy from a three-acre field for

Anita Roddick and husband, Gordon

nita Roddick's one and only request was that her garden should have "a sense of humour". Tricky. Hilarious hostas? Witty wisteria? Funny phlox? Plant names may be odd but the plants are never funny. so to follow her wishes, the humour had to come from the ornament: jumping goldfish: anticlockwise sun dials; Humpty Dumpty sitting on a ha-ha: and, over the boundary wall, some fibreglass, BSE-free cattle in a next-door field.

The trouble is that the amusing can pall and become irritating. It was important, therefore, to design a garden that would survive the furny side and that depends on good planting.

Twelve years ago the Roddicks's garden was just a three-acre field that sloped down towards their house. The plan was to create a series of steps, levels, and "rooms", which would culminate at the top of the garden in a heart-stopping view across the Sussex landscape.

To screen one area off from the next. walls were built and hedges were planted. When completed, the walls looked horribly stark. The hedging plants - yew, beech and box - looked small and rather pathetic. As they also have a reputation for growing slowly, there was a hint of panic in the air. It was obvious that the plants needed encouragement, and the best way of doing this was to install an irrigation system.

The plants benefited immediately from a supply of water, which was delivered not only regularly, but directly towards their roots. Wastage and evaporation were

minimal. Evaporation was further reduced because the system was programmed to come on at night.

The nutrients that had been applied to the soil in granular form. to give the plants a further boost, were guaranteed to be washed in. Before the installation of the system, plants had been watered when they were seen to be wilting, which can do more harm that good — it sends plants into shock. An automatic irrigation system never gives a plant the chance to wilt.

Hosepipe bans can be overcome by having your own supply, whether a water storage tank or bore hole. The size of the water storage area required can be worked out by calculating the square meterage and multiplying it by three for lawns, four for borders, and eight for trees. The answer comes out in litres per day. A hundred square metres of lawn therefore needs 300 litres a day to water it properly.

To complement an automatic irrigation system, piles of compost were added to the soil, and Scotty, the Roddicks's redoubtable gardener, carried out a well-organised

organic foliar feeding programme.

The upshot was that the garden grew in record time. The walls were soon hidden, and the yew hedges defied the doubters by leaping up a foot a year. They grew so quickly that the grass paths beside them grew scraggy in the shade, and in some areas had to be replaced with paving stones. Even the box and eech hedges, which were cut back hard in spring and foliar-fed with a water and manure potion twice a year, grew encouragingly well.

Everything seemed wonderful.

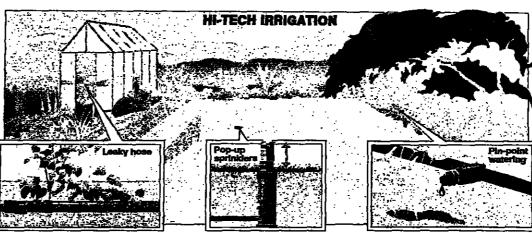




The tapir, boy and apple core are all part of Anita Roddick's desire for a humorous garden. But the amusing can pall, so good planting was necessary for the garden to survive

But, inch by inch, the structural shrubs began to elbow their way to the front of the borders, squashing the light and restricting the space of the "choicer" plants. The garden developed a heavy look. There was less interest: the variety had gone.

After eight years of rumbustious growth it was time to change. The strongest growers - the leathery leaved elacagnus with an insignificant but scented flower, the summer-flowering, shiny leaved escal-lonia, and the winter-flowering viburnum - were removed without ceremony. Others - including the golden privets and the aucubas, even though they were nearly 6ft tall - were dug up, pruned and replanted in more appropriate positions. Some shrubs, such as the 7ft-high mahonia 'Charity', and the winter-flowering Sarcoccoca hookerana digyna, were cut back hard. A new less-menacing structure of plants was established, and into the gaps perennials were planted,



which brought back the panache. the variety and the sparkle. Eventually only one part of the garden remained unplanted and unaffected by the irrigation system: the top field. Anita suggested planting wild flowers. We planned

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to keep the planting simple, and to have broad interlocking shapes of single colours. We chose field poppies, ox-eye daisies and the blue flax, Linum perenne. To prepare for the poppies, the grass was grubbed off and rotovated. Scotty

planted the seed in January, at four grams per square metre, twice the recommended rate, and raked it in. The poppies flourished, producing a huge blood-red gash across the side of the hill. The ox-eye daisies, which were planted as plugs

(young seedlings grown in a pocket of compost) at five per metre, became a billowing sheet of white, but the flax flopped because it was overcome by thistles.

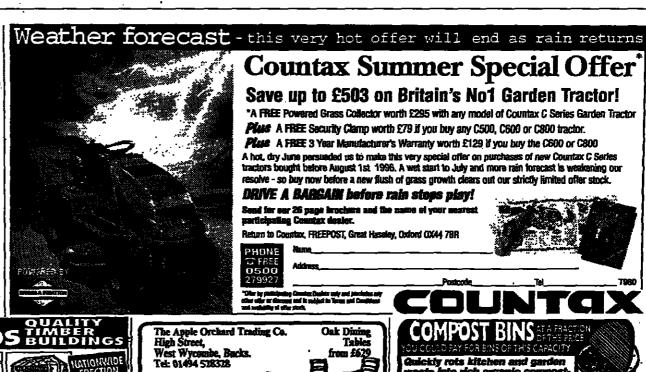
The astonishing speed of growth taught us how important it is to remain flexible. There was no room for sentimentality. Anita and Gordon accept and encourage alterations to keep the garden looking

fresh and interesting.

There used to be an orchard, for instance, but as the apples never really "did" it was removed and replaced by a secret garden. Stepping stones used to wind through it. but were replaced with a brick path, because Anita's legs could never quite reach between them. I often wonder if she saw the joke.

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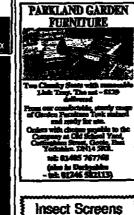


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In the week that dog star Pippin senior died, Pippin junior gives us a behind-the-scenes glimpse at his celebrity home life

Lights, camera . . . sit up and bark

four or five will have heard of Pippin, the star of the BBC's unlikeliest daytime television hit. Come Outside. Pippin, whose grandmother of the same name died last week, is a small dog that acts its hairy socks off each week in search of adventure with her owner, Auntie Mabel, in their multicoloured light aircraft.

Made for BBC School Programmes, the series crept quietly into the schedules a few years ago. But Pippin's enchanting antics soon gained the series a much wider following with entranced home audiences.

As a result, Pippin is now Britain's biggest animal star. She receives sackloads of fan mail from all over the country - often addressed simply to "Pippin, Berkshire". When the dog is spotted in public, she is mobbed by youngsters as bemused parents look on.

Pippin is owned by the veteran animal trainer. Ann Head, of Animalation: "Pippin started training when she was just eight weeks old — and she was a natural, she says.

The secret to training dogs. she says, is letting the animal do everything for itself. Touching the dog or pushing down its back is taboo. "Rewards are given only when they do the right thing. Another golden rule is never to have a routine. Show dogs must be able to repeat something time and again, but that doesn't work for performing animals."

One-word commands from Ms Head prompt eager Pippin Jnr to trot out the full gamut of animal emotions for my benefit: she smiles, looks hurt, hides her face, sneezes, rolls over, crawls, holds her head perfectly still, picks up coins then drops them into a piggy bank and even barks.

"She's always wanted to learn new tricks." Ms Head says. "I'm convinced dogs love being mentally stimulated. Pippin enjoys what she's doing or she wouldn't perform." Pippin stepped into her aged

CHARITY



Pippin became a children's favourite when she flew off on adventures with Auntie Mabel (Lynda Baron) in their multicoloured aircraft for the BBC's Come Outside series

grandmother's shoes several years ago. With a little sprayon hair dye the dog looks identical. Both generations of Pippin defy convention on their antecedence, being of the popular "who knows?" variety. However, we know they

are relatives of the four-legged Hollywood film-star Benji, whose films from the 1970s have grossed \$100 million.

When Pippin is not training or filming she reverts to being the Head family pet. "She loves all the things a normal

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dog loves," Ms Head says. On filming days, Pippin is up at 5am, with a bath followed by meticulous grooming. Talcum powder is brushed into the of a luxury trailer. coat, for an especially silky finish. Although hotels rarely allow guests to bring dogs,

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exceptions are invariably made for Pippin, who behaves impeccably and travels with a small, self-contained "kennel", the canine celebrity equivalent

Filming itself is often reduced to hysterics. "We have to find words Pippin won't understand," the director, cuzabeth Bennett, says. "When we start a shot with turnover, speed, action'. 'speed' sounds like 'speak', so Pippin barks.

actors because Pippin takes it as her cue to start and runs into shot. Instead it's 'everybody get going"."

The secret of Pippin's winning performan-ces, like those of all working animals, is food. To entice Pippin to perform, Auntie Mabel's costume has a lined, waterproof pocket crammed with sausage rewards. For Lynda Baron, who plays Auntie Mabel, the sausages can also be used to fight filming fatigue.

"Sitting in the cockpit all day when it's hot is hard work," she says. "So when Pippin and I are getting tired. I feed her all the sausages, then claim we've run out so they

have to stop and let us out. "At other times, sausages are hidden behind dustbins or in bushes, although I did once draw the line at Pippin and I performing with a sausage pushed down the toiler. Pippin was fine but I couldn't keep a straight face."

DOG TRICKS

IF YOU think your dog has what it takes, try teaching it these tricks:

■ Hide Your Eyes: placing one or both front paws over its eyes and then peeping out.

Roll-Over: lying down and rolling all the

Crawl: nicknamed "the MP". Crawling on its belly until ordered to stop.

■ Go With: accompanying an actor as if belonging to them. Looking at the trainer is strictly forbidden.

■ Speak: barking on command.

Don't Wag: the hardest trick of all. No involuntary wagging of the tail. If your dog can do this to order then prepare to go walkies in the Hollywood hills.

Work is now well under way on the third series, which will see Pippin and Auntie Mabel sniffing out how soap is made. in Lancashire, how pencils get their lead, in the Lake District, and how bricks are made, in

Frank Flynn, the head of commissioning for BBC School Programmes, says of the series: "Children identify with Pippin and Auntie Mabel and, as a result, it's a great way to get them to look at a whole range of environmental issues. It's a winning format

and undoubtedly Pippin is the root of its appeal." It's said that the best performing animals are so highly trained they look as if they've had no training at all. For Ms ity of Pippin's performance is the reason she is deluged with

calls from other dog owners. "Everyone wants to put their animal on television. but they would be amazed at just how

difficult it is," she says. As well as Pippin. Ms Head also trains or works with many animals appearing in commercials, including Arthur the cat and the Andrex puppies. "The puppies have to be exactly eight weeks old," she says. "Every shot is a different puppy because they tire so quickly. And we always use girl pups. unless they are

actually sitting down.
"Arthur eats out of the can with his paw because he can't get his head inside. But the can does have a false bottom hiding a heavy weight to stop it moving around. Arthur only eats that way when he's working - he normally eats from a bowl like any other cat."

TIM WAPSHOTT ● Come Outside returns to our screens in September

Old red legs is back

Feather Report

THE FIRST barley is being cut, and clear views are opening up again across the lines of yellow stubble. It is a moment when you may get a sight of a red-legged partridge stalking along by a distant hedge, keeping its head low. Every so often it jerks upright like a jack-in-the-box and looks around. Then it crouches and moves on again.

It is a striking bird, with black and chestnut bars along its flank as if it had been grilled. It also has a white throat fringed with black, and red legs and beak. But when it is walking straight away from you in the corn or grass, all those features are out of sight, and it is not very easy to distinguish from a common, or grey partridge.
Its call is the most distinc-

tive thing about it — a loud, clucking "chukka, chukka" (**) quite different from the creaky notes of the common partridge. It also has a kind of song, a repeated wheezy grunt that has been compared to an old steam-engine at work.

It is not a native bird - it is often called a French partridge - but was introduced in Suffolk in 1790. It is now widespread in the drier eastern counties of England, and is probably about as numerous as the common partridge, taking Britain as a whole.

EVERY YEAR, quite a few young, hand-reared red-legs are released into the country for shooting in the autumn, and some of them survive to breed, but there has been no substantial further colonisation since the end of the 18th century. They are easier to shoot than common partridges, because the coveys scatter more when they fly up

ahead of the guns. Ouite recently it has been discovered that the red-leg has bizarre breeding habits. The female lays a clutch of eggs in a nest at the edge of a field, then lays a second clutch in another nest. After that she goes back to incubate her first down on the other one. With such productivity, it is not surprising that the red-leg is holding its own.

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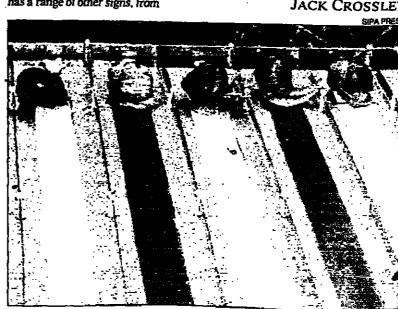
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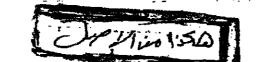
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Other signs also indicate that moving into the hotel field makes good business sense. Hotel profits in the UK rose by 9 per cent in 1995 compared with the previous year, and occupancies reached a tenyear high, according to a report last month by BDO Hospitality Consulting, the hotel, tourism and leisure arm of accountants BDO Stoy Hayward.

The occupancy rate last year was 7.1 per cent up on 1994 and 20 per cent higher than in 1992. Room rates are also up by 5.8 per cent on average -8.6 per cent in London - with more growth forecast this

Hotels are selling well, with agents reporting increased demand in many parts of the country. There is, however, a shortage of quality hotels up to £500,000 in prime locations such as London, Bath, Cheltenham, Harrogate, Edinburgh, the Cotswolds, south Devon and the Lake District, which is pushing up prices.

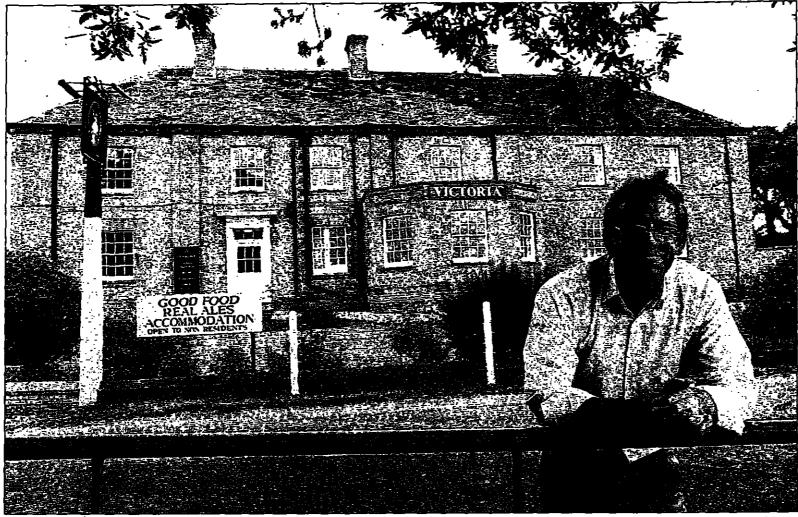
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Small hotels on the fringe of London are also in demand. according to Patrick Ryan of specialist business agent Christie & Co. In Harrow, the 43-bedroom Grimsdyke Hotel, in a dilapidated condition with 54 years left on the lease, on offer recently at £750,000, went 10 per cent over the guide price with 20 bidders.

Christie & Co reports a high demand for prime hotels up to El million in Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Kent. Chilston Park, a 38-bedroom country house hotel near Maidstone in Kent, attracted six bidders and went 7 per cent over the guide price of £2 million.

Hotel and licensed property specialist Robert Barry and Co has a waiting list of 300 prospective purchasers looking for well-located B&B hotels costing from £250,000 to £400,000 in the Cheltenham area alone.

Alastair Murchie of Robert Barry says that Milton House. an eight-bedroom hotel in



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Cheltenham which recently sold for more than the guide price of £300,000, attracted 50 prospective purchasers. Ermewood House, a country hotel with seven bedrooms near Ivybridge in Devon, on the market in January, sold within three weeks for the asking price of £295,000, with three

In the West Country, Knight Frank's Exeter office reports increased activity in the market for hotels priced at between £500,000 and £750,000. Buyers from abroad, particularly from Hong Kong, are attracted by English country house hotels with up to 12 acres and up to 18 bedrooms.

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The Taylors, both in their sixties, had owned a country house hotel in Argyllshire - the Taychreggan on the shores of Loch Awe - for 16 years, which they sold in 1989 when they retired to be nearer to their family in Cerne Abbas, Dorset Their retirement lasted for just three years.

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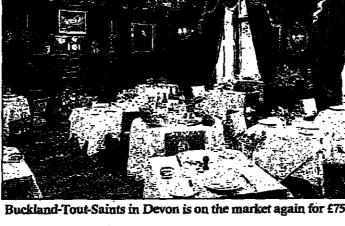
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town-on-Spey, through Robert Barry & Co. Down in Somerset, Robert Barry is asking £150,000 for the Old Manor Farmhouse, a seven-bedroom licensed B&B hotel near Taunton. In the Cotswolds, the asking price for

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NOW THE Taylors' youngest son, George, a partner in their hotel business, has left Buckland to run an

inn in Brighton, so the Taylors will retire for a second time. Buckland-Tout-Saints is now back on the

market at £750,000, through Knight

Saints coming to life again. Although

"It was great to see Buckland-Tout-

requires dedication, a good alarm clock and a lot of love." Mr Taylor

cottage, is £360,000. Prices slip in west Wales. where the centuries-old stone Ty Mawr Country Hotel, with five bedrooms and an acre of garden beside the Brechfa forest, is on offer at £240,000 through Christie & Co.

restaurant, owner's flat and

NORFOLK

WHEN Peter Hoskins took over the 20-year lease on the Victoria Hotel, a Grade II listed 18th-century inn at the entrance to the 3,000-acre Holkham estate on the north Norfolk coast, he was taking a gamble. His prospective landlord, the Earl of Leicester, agreed to grant the lease in exchange for £100,000 to be spent on restoring the hotel.

Yet when Mr Hoskins moved in last May, there were only three bedrooms suitable for letting. The other five bedrooms were unusable, and a new central heating system needed to be installed. installed. There were just seven bookings for the entire summer

"Holkham, with its famous hall and miles of unspoilt sandy beaches, fringed by pine forests, is a unique location. It was an opportunity to create something special. But there was no guarantee that it would work, says Mr Hoskins, who previously ran an eight-bedroom hotel in Cambridge.

Little money had been spent on the hotel for many years, so there was a lot of decorating as well as structural changes to be made, with the installation of en suite bathrooms.

NOW THERE are eight well-appointed bedrooms decorated with pretty curtains and matching bedspreads, large, top-quality beds and crisp linen. Each bedroom has its own separate bathroom.

Guests may stay from £60 per couple per night, including a full English breakfast (ring 01328 710469). The hotel is filled with good furniture and paintings. Fresh

flowers adorn the tables in the 80-seater restaurant, which overlooks the pine forest and offers traditional, home-cooked

The investment of effort has been well rewarded. The Victoria has a good level of bookings for the summer season, and the restaurant is doing three times as much business as it was a year ago. There are plans to extend the restaurant area next year to accommodate families with young children, and to provide

more parking spaces.
"We want to be able to cater for everybody." Mr Hoskins says. "These days, running a hotel is a family-orientated business." Above all, it is essential for a country inn to create a relaxed atmosphere where people from all walks of life can enjoy themselves."

Mr Hoskins runs the hotel, bar and restaurant with a staff of 14, including two chefs.

> Moving upmarket, Coombe Park Hotel, a Grade II listed 17th-century country house hotel with four acres in Exmoor National Park, is for sale at £400,000 through Knight Frank. It has ten bedrooms, a dining room, three reception rooms, owner's accommodation, a self-contained flat and

stabling. If £600,000 is in your range, the 14th-century Tytherleigh Cot Hotel in the village of Chardstock, near Axminster, comes with 18 bedrooms, a restaurant, bar and lounge, two-bedroom cottage and three-bedroomed thatched owner's house.

At the top of the market. Savills is looking for offers of around £2.5 million for the Swan hotel, a recently refurbished three star/four crown/ two rosette l/th-century hotel at Bibury in the Cotswolds. It has 18 en suite bedrooms, an 80-seater dining room, two lounges, bar, brasserie and conference facilities. The gardens are bordered by the River Coln and the hotel has fishing

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ITALY

TWELVE years ago. Suffolk couple Sarah Townsend, an art teacher and painter, and her husband Johnny, a stockbroker, bought li Castagno, a 200-yearold three-bedroom stone farmhouse in 25 acres in Tuscany. which they used for holidays.

Their farmhouse, which cost £60,000 plus another £150,000 to restore, soon became a popular holiday haven for their friends so they decided to buy another. larger property in the same area and rent out Il Castagno to provide an income (up to £2.500 a week in July and August, with maid service and gardener). They found Il Bacchino, a 17th-

century hillside villa in steeply terraced gardens, approached by a narrow mountain road near the medieval town of Cortona. Carved in stone above the front door is an ancient message: Angusta domus utinam bonis repleat amicis (may this humble house be filled to overflowing with good friends).

When the Townsends first saw the sunbleached stone villa, built by the church as a retreat for the cardinals, it had not been lived in for 12 years. The roof had fallen in, several pipes had burst, the living-room floor was strewn with plaster and there was no electricity or mains water supply.

Everything was covered in mould because of the humidity. and the garden was overgrown. Mrs Townsend says. "But it was a magical place, with the scent of jasmine wafting on the breeze and a view to die for. We had to

buy it." she says.
They paid £150,000 for the 12roomed house, which has vaulted wine cellars and its own chapel, and set about restoring it. Because Il Bacchino is a listed building, permission had to be obtained for everything.
Working with local craftsmen.

they repaired the original terracotta tiled floors, brick and



Il Bacchino, transformed from ruin to lucrative small hotel

beamed ceilings and ancient frescoes. Electricity had to be laid on and a new well dug, the drains needed replacing and a septic tank had to be installed. Repairs to the roof, replumbing, rewiring, replastering, a modern kitchen and several bathrooms added to the cost.

TWO YEARS later, in 1988, the Townsends moved to Tuscany. Mrs Townsend left her teaching iob and they sold their home in Suffolk to pay for the restoration of Il Bacchino: almost £500,000. And there was still work to be done - a pergola for the garden. a computerised watering system and a mosaic swimming pool. "The money had run out, so I decided to advertise for paying guests," says Mrs Townsend.

"The response was over-

whelming."
Il Bacchino has since grown into an exclusive Tuscan guest house. The five bedrooms, all with bathrooms, are filled with antique furniture, paintings, fresh flowers and crisp linen, and are booked from March until November at £100 a night for B&B (ring 00 39 575 603 284).

Now the couple have bought an abandoned medieval palazzo near Citta di Castello in Umbria, which they plan to convert into a hotel. The 20-roomed ruin cost £100,000 but they expect to spend around £1 million to restore it to its former glory. Meanwhile, Il Bacchino and Il

Castagno are for sale through Knight Frank, to fund the renovation work on the palazzo.

Keeping a welcome in the vineyard

Prospects for hoteliers abroad from Burgundy and Tuscany to Moscow

n continental Europe. rural areas of France and Italy appeal most to the British contemplating setting up a small hotel or bed & breakfast business. Rather than buying off-the-peg hotels. prospective purchasers often seek properties with scope for chambre d'hôtes (bed & breakfast) and gites (cottages), par-ticularly in southwest France where the climate is warm and prices are reasonable.

An imposing manor house in a few acres of parkland, suitable for a small country hotel, with up to eight bedrooms and outbuildings that would convert into gites, can be picked up for between £150,000 and £250,000 in the Gers, on the edge of the Midi Pyrenees.

Other popular areas include Burgundy, made more accessible by the new fast train, where you could buy a de-tached six-bedroom stone house in a wine-growing area. with good potential, for less than £100,000. In the French Alps, British-run holiday cha-lets are also proving very successful. The price of alpine chalets is rising, but you could still find one in good condition with up to ten bedrooms for

about £200,000. Tuscany continues to attract a steady stream of well-heeled British buyers willing to restore rural stone ruins that have remained untouched for centuries. Prices are not cheap: the closer to Florence, the more expensive the property. Expect to pay at least £250,000 for a habitable stone farmhouse with five bedrooms and

scope for a guest house. Prices are lower in Le Marche, southeast of Tuscany, where Brian French & Associates is asking £200,000 for a restored six-bedroom farmhouse near the medieval hill town of Ascoli Piceno.

ajorca is also attracting British buy-ers in search of traditional buildings to turn into upmarket hotels. Hamp-tons International, for instance, is asking £2 million for S'Heretat, a restored 300-year-old farmhouse on a hilltop in the northwest of the island,

which has 48 rooms. In Moscow, Knight Frank has a portfolio of 200 hotels worth around £650 million, ranging from 100 to 3,200 rooms, including the refur-bished five-star National on Red Square and the 1,000roomed Ukraina on the River Moskva. Many hotels require renovation or reconstruction.



La Roserai, a l6th-century manor house in the Burgundy vineyards

FRANCE

SEVEN years ago Roz Binns and her husband John, an airline pilot, sold a plot at the side of their house, a fourbedroom stone cottage near Wellingborough in Northamptonshire, and bought La Roseraie, a 16th-century manor house near Macon in Burgundy. They paid £70,000, including legal fees, for the imposing seven-bedroom house in four acres of parkland.

"Originally we were looking for a second home in Burgundy, but we fell in love with the area and decided to buy a larger house and try our hand at a bed and breakfast business," says Mrs Binns, who gave up her job as an air stewardess on longhaul flights to run the enterprise.

"The house was perfect for our project, being within easy reach of the international airport at Dijon and close to the TGV station at Monchanin, with connections to Paris in 85 minutes."

They sold their home in Britain and moved to France in 1990, but spent half their first year getting the house into shape after years of neglect. The roof needed attention. the drains had to be replaced and the building needed rewiring, re-plumbing, redecorating and several new windows. They also added a

into self-contained accommodation which they let to holidaymakers.

We reckoned the cost of the renovation to be roughly the same as the purchase price." Mrs Binns says. "The final bill came to £130,000. almost double our original estimate, which meant selling our UK home to foot the bill. Renovating a house in

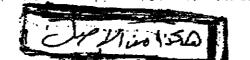
France is expensive a tin of paint costs £30 and labour costs are high."

They applied through Gites de France for a grant from the local authority, which paid them Fr36,000 (about £5,000) to set up the chambre d'hôtes (bed & breakfast) business.

LA ROSERAIE, now in its sixth season, is included in several Gites de France publications, including the coveled Chambre d'hôtes de prestige. The six guest bedrooms, each with bathroom en suite, are fully booked for most of the summer. Visitors pay £50 per night per couple for B&B (ring 00 33 85 24 67 82).

Mrs Binns now speaks fluent French and runs the business singlehandedly for much of the year, while her husband is away flying private jets for Arab businessmen. "It is like running a jumbo jet with fewer people for breakfast," she says, "The summer months. May to October, are very busy but the rest of the year

is dead. "It helps if you speak French. I didn't at the start and it was hard." gite, converting an attached cottage



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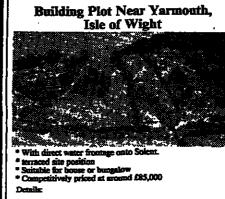
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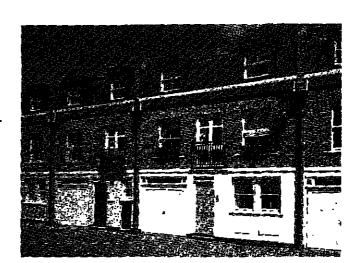


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Sorting the buyers from the browsers

Rachel Kelly on the problems for sellers in sifting

serious inquiries from time-wasting house tourists

eard the one about . turbocharged Bentley and a young lady in a checked headscarf in tow? The story is legendary in estate agency circles. The young blood visited a number of country estares. He was endlessly enthusiastic and knew his Purdeys from his pergolas. Yet he never bought so much as an

"It turned out that he had borrowed the car for a test drive and was trying to impress his young fiancée by pretending to buy houses he could not possibly afford. says Patrick Ramsay of agents Knight Frank

That was a decade ago, yet "phantom buyers" are still a nuisance.

The much-heralded market recovery has helped to reduce the problem. Tim Wright, from Savills in Kensington, says: In a relatively strong market, buyers are more certain, and because there is less to choose from, they have to make up their minds fast."

At present, sales are still well down on the levels seen in the late 1980s. Figures released last month by the Land Regis-try show that 787,337 homes were sold last year, less than half the number sold annually — more than two million — at the peak of the market.

Although the market has reawakened to some extent, agents remain desperate to shift houses. And in such a climate, they can be less wary about checking potential

The worst affected vendors are those with well-known names and extremely desirable houses which many people, inspired by little more than curiosity, wish to snoop around. Agents call this "the Helio! factor". The home of the late Sir David Lean, Sun

WHAT TO DO

The best way to avoid time-wasters is to:

Check that your agent weeds out casual callers by asking for names and addresses, how many other houses they have visited, which other agents they have used,

how long have they been looking and how they plan to finance any Suggest that the

agent charges for brochures. Colin Strang Steel of Knight Frank's office in Edinburgh, for instance, charged £20 for the 27-page illustrated brochure of Beaufort Castle estate.

Ask your agent to conduct viewings when you are out, as lar as oossible. Make it clear that organising the timing of visits is their problem, not yours. You are paying them to solve the problem.

■ Consider an open house on Saturday the American system whereby everybody comes round on the same day.

Wharf in Docklands, recently attracted its fair share of such lubious prospective buyers.

Women, apparently, can be particularly prone to time-wasting. Typically, a wife decides that she wants a bigger house, or wishes to buy rather than rent," says David Forbes of Chesterfield, "She will look at hundreds of houses without having dis-

CASE STUDY

cussed it with her husband. Then we find that the husband has no intention of investing more in property, or is about to move abroad."

Savills refers to pse ica fantastica - the psychiat ric term for delusions of grandeur - in connection with such unwelcome house tourists, and suggests that namedroppers are the worst offenders of all. Sifting out the time-wasters

while taking care not to alienate genuine potential buyers is a delicate art which some agents make no attempt to master. After all, looks alone can be an unreliable guide to a potential buyer's sincerity.
"He may look as if he hasn't got two pennies to rub together, but in fact have £1 million in the bank," says John Gibson of Savills.

"Everyone who through the door must be treated at face value," says Linda Beaney of the London agents Beaney Pearce. "Often it is a combination of instinct and years of experience which gives you some insight into

Conrad Payne of Cluttons' Canterbury office agrees. "Some buyers may not look serious at the outset because their inquiries are so vague," he says. They have no precon-ceived idea of what they want to buy. Funnily enough, they can be the ones who get more easily 'converted' when they view a suitable property."

One type of property, however, seems to be relatively immune from the phantom buyer: the remote Highland estate. Colin Strang Steel of Knight Frank says: "For most people, especially those living south of the border, it is necessary to set aside at least a day in order to visit an estate. That tends to deter those who

IAN DOWNING has been trying to sell his house in Worcestershire for almost three years. Heaven's Gate is a three-bedroomed coltage bi tween Bromyard and Tenbury Wells, a 45-minute drive from Birmingham. It has more than an acre of garden and orchard, and the asking price is £149,500. But Mr Downing has now seen so many time-wasters, he has taken it off the market.

"When I put it on the market in June with the agents Andrew Grant in Worcester, I told them I was looking for an early sale," says Mr Downing. "I asked for completion before the end of October because I planned to go to Rome for the winter. 'Lucky for some,' laughed the estate agent. ' leave it to us.'

That conversation took place in June 1993. The agents have arranged a total of 20 viewers - 'prospective purchasers' is how they

refer to them. But in my view, most of them have simply been doing a spot of sightseeing. "The first couple were hours late. They hadn't got lost, they were just touring the area. Had they sold their own house? No. Was their house up for sale? No. I soon realised the truth. I'd spent my Saturday waiting for tourists.

Time-wasters typically consist of 'eager beaver types such as the man who breezed in madly enthusiastic, wanting to discuss every detail. His wife trailed behind us, moaning loudly at intervals. After he had finished crawling into every nook and cranny and exploring all corners of the garden, asking endless interested questions . . . 'Ah, no, sorry. It won't do for us. You see, we've inherited a lot of very bulky antique furniture which we wouldn't want to part with. It simply wouldn't

fit in your living room.'
Other time-wasters were those who had not made an appointment, but would I mind if they had a quick look? A quick look it was, in case is shortly going to the county court.



one case - the whole house within three minutes. As we were about to go into the garden, the husband asked if he might pop into the bathroom.

"I waited with his wife outside. After 15 minutes, he returned and they both drove off. On inspection of the bathroom, it was obvious that my prospective buyer had been reading my book. A thought struck me had he only called in to use the lavatory?"

The house is now temporarily off the market. The agent, Andrew Grant, comments that he sells between 700 and 800 houses every year through his offices, and "I find that if a client reviews the situation, including the asking price, from time to time, a sale can be

The agents are suing Mr Downing for unpaid advertising costs of £750. Meanwhile, Mr Downing refuses to pay because he claims that the agents mishandled his sale and lost him money. He is counter-claiming and the A wooden wonder inspired by one man, constructed by another in his spare time



Architect Jon Broome's house in Lewisham uses natural materials, including turf on the roof, to save energy and blend in with its surroundings

The house that Jon built

ioneering ideas by the architect Walter Segal for easy-to-build houses with timber frames have taken root in the social housing sector since his death in 1985. But now they are blossoming at the exclusive end of the property spectrum too: one of his disciples has built the biggest and most

luxurious Segal-method house yet in Lewisham, southeast Jon Broome, 47, an architect

formerly employed by Lewi-Borough Council. worked with Segal for several years and adapted his approach for housing association projects in which prospective tenants built their homes with their own hands. He knew the approach worked, even for those with no previous building experience - so when Mr Broome needed a new home for himself and his family, he opted for self-build.

The result is a striking fivebedroom house on a quarteracre site. The trunks of Douglas fir trees are incorporated into the structure to harmonise with the trees that surround the house, and a turfed roof helps to keep the

Although Mr Broome continued to work four days a week as a director of the architectural firm Architype while building his house with the help of a carpenter, the project took just two-and-a-half years and £110,000 to

"It was hard work holding down a job and being the designer, structural engineer and project manager, sourcing materials and paying for it all," he says. "In the middle of it all, we had our second baby. But it was worth it." His high-spec home is a far

cry from the first Segal house, small Swiss ski lodge designed nearly 60 years before by the German-Jewish architect who emigrated to Britain before the war, and in 1961 used a similar approach to

build a wooden bungalow as a temporary family home in the garden of a in Hampstead which he was renovating. Mr Segal assembled tim-

ber frames on site, then raised them as the loadbearing mainstay of the structure before slotting in walls, floors and the roof. People admired the result and he received commissions to design similar buildings. Then one couple hit on the idea of building

their house themselves. Segal, always an egalitarian, liked the self-build idea and saw its potential. His approach used standard components but involved no bricklaying or plastering, the so-called "wet" trade skills. Foundations were usually simple concrete pads on which each wooden support rested at existing ground levels, making the method ideal for sloping or

uneven sites. Mr Broome says that Segal houses should also stand the test of time, despite being built largely of wood. "They should last for 300 years," he says. "Many of Britain's oldest buildings are made of timber wattle-and-daub houses, for

example." Although Walter Segal designed the first self-build schemes in Lewisham in 1975. his ideas were slow to take off during his lifetime. After his death, Jon Broome and others set up the Walter Segal Selfbuild Trust, a charity to promote Mr Segal's ideas, which have slowly become more popular with housing associations.

ow. 150 Segal-inspired houses have been built around the country, 49 of them on three housing association sites in Brighton. Most were self-built. Architype has specialised in working on such schemes, incorporating ecologically sound principles. But Jon Broome, who already lived in a Segal-inspired home which he had built himself, needed more room for his family and longed to embark on a more ambitious "green" design. Eventually he and his partner, Rona Nicholson, found a suitable site that was part of an orchard.

"These buildings fit into the landscape without destroying it, while a conventional developer will move in and flatten the site," Mr Broome says. Because there are virtually no foundations, you can build these houses very close to trees. Grass roofs, which anchor the waterproof roof membrane, also relate well to the

"Energy conservation is important, so we have doubleglazed high-performance windows, a condensing boiler, a passive solar conservatory that helps to heat the house, controlled ventilation and thick insulation made from recycled newspapers sand-

amount of energy consumed



A Segal-style self-built house in Woolwich, southeast London

amount that goes into constructing it assumes a greater significance. So our timber travels from Wales, including the larch used to face the building, and we avoided plastics. Wherever we could, for

products that substitute natural oils for chemicals." The high central section of the new building contains the kitchen and dining room, surrounded by the other rooms, including a studio, living room and

"Inside there is a lot of exposed wood and it feels North American." Mr Broome says. "One advantage of building like this is that because none of the can make some of it up as

you go along. Once the basic structure is up, you can decide how you will use the space." How does the construction cost compare with

conventional building methods? The Segal Trust's official line is that it is no cheaper, but that savings are made on labour costs and by cutting out the middleman the builder. But an analysis by the developers Rosehaugh Stanhope suggests the method can be a third cheaper than conventional building, and cheaper than buying kits. A three-bed house would cost about £34,000 to build at this year's prices.

What would Mr Segal himself have thought of Mr Broome's house? "I think he would have loved it," says trustee Brian Richardson, a retired Lewisham Council

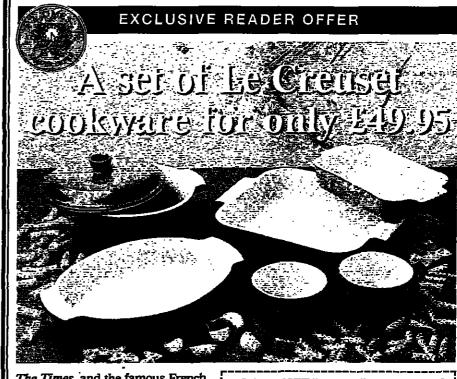
"He never stopped changing his own approach, so he would have expected us to go on developing new ideas in the same tradition."

But Mr Broome is less sure."He was a man of modest personal desires and our place is big," he says. "I think he would regard it as over the top. But we love it."

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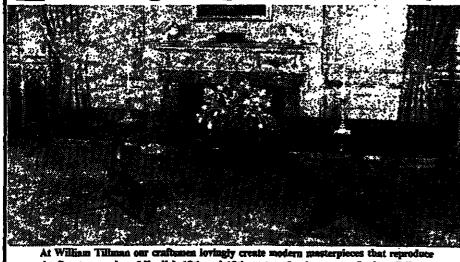
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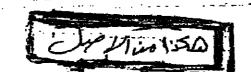
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The smart parents' guide to keeping the backseat brigade quietly occupied

about the most effective ways to occupy children on long journeys. "Failing that, dope them." But what if you do not wish to attract the attention of the social services and cannot afford a 19-year-old Australian with endless enthusiasm to live in the backseat of your car? What amusements can be bought to engross children in cars, on boats, on planes? "Stories on tape" was the unanimous thirdbest suggestion from parents. "Crisps," said the children.

The drawback to listening to stories on a car radio is that it is a communal activity. But such is the choice and quality of taped stories that it is no hardship for an adult to listen in. Any Roald Dahl should keep the whole family company in rapt attention down the motorway, and the five books of The Chronicles of Narnia could see you down as far as the South of France.

If parental choice has any sway, the BBC's Young Collection offers a comforting selection of stories read by actors: Ballet Shoes read by Harriet Walter, The Jungle Book with Freddie Jones and Eartha Kitt, The Wind in the Willows. But even Alan Bennett reading Winnie the Pooh can pall after the nth hearing. at which point you might wish to invest in a personal stereo.

The horribly named and coloured My First Sony costs about £30 but has an automatic volume limiter to protect small eardrums, as well as parental sensibilities.

Also recommended are the Biblios of original Jackanory soundtracks, which include Stories for Children by Oscar Wilde read

et a nanny," came the by Alec McCowen and weary reply when I Lizzie Dripping and the Canvassed parents Witch read by Patricia Routledge. You could also record your own story tape. One mother who has done so says there is nothing that engages her children (aged seven and four) so much as a tape of her reading their favourite stories, singing songs and telling jokes, adding personal interjections

> This kind of parental customisation is the key to keeping children interested, not merely occupied, when travelling. Experienced parents have worked out that it's not what you buy for a trip, but how you present it. One mother, Anna Illingworth, makes up a surprise bag of 50p toys for each of her children for long journeys — a notebook and pencil, a fabric animal, a rubber insect, and so on. The fun is that everything is new.

such as: "You'll like this one. Tom."

Another mother. Sally Hamilton. has made compartmented hang-ings (like those fabric shoe-holders) which hook over the front seat headrests and dangle down in front of the children in the back. Each pocket contains a toy or a book, and always one surprise.

For air travel, Martha Pichey, herself a creator of toys, found a cheap-and practical solution to her sons' impractical attachment to Lego. She buys Perspex boxes with removable trays from an ironmonger — the sort intended to hold nuts and bolts - and fills them with a selection of Lego. The boxes fit into the boys backpacks and can be carried around easily.

Despite all the freebie knapsacks and colouring books and baseball caps offered by airline companies,



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demand, with other children queuing to have a go.

Games manufacturers have done some customising, too; most toy departments have a travel games section of miniature favourites, each no more than 8in square, costing £5-£8. The range includes Monopoly, which has a built-in compartment to contain all the pieces; Scrabble; Guess Who?; Frustration; Pass the Pigs; and a magnetic compendium of traditional games (ludo, draughts, snakes and ladders, nine men's morris and backgammon).

Battleships sets come in several forms, electronic and manual, and are easy to set up on a railway carriage table or a car's backseat. Magnetic games are a good idea

several for £4-£8: a magnetic spelling board; magnetic art, magnetic mosaics and a magnetic play desk which closes up into a little briefcase, just the right size for a child's knee, for £14.99. Even the older children will probably need some direction with these toys though. and parents will have to do some work finding them words to spell as they go along.

If you find this a wearisome task, there is a set of flash cards at the Early Learning Centre with French words on one side and a picture of a chien or baguette on the other to pronounce and spell. John Adams Toys makes a travel pack of cards illustrated with objects to spot in town and country, such windmill or a football pitch.

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Computers are another portable possibility, and some engage in conversation with young operators. The VTech range of computers, from £35, can be run on batteries and there are models for every age group and lap. The talking Mini-Wizard, the Talking Super Smart Start and the Talking Einstein sets grammatical problems, spelling activities, various mathematical and musical tasks.

Older technology, but still absorbing, are sticker books for £2-£3, which the Early Learning Centre cites as the most popular travelling companion. Galt Toys does a lunchbox-size sticker box containing 400 stickers, four picture back-grounds, writing paper, envelopes and various other entertainments for about £8. The illustrated books are particularly recommended, oth-

erwise stickers will somehow find

Below: the VTech

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activities including

spelling, maths and

themselves stuck all over the windows of the car.

Above: WH Smith colouring books from about £2; 20 colouring pencils, £7.25; double-ended pens, £2.25; 20 fibre-tip pens, £1.20

The craft section of toy departments yields some good, quiet occupations: braiding sets for making friendship bracelets and plaits for the hair, or badge kits.

Potentially more irritating to fellow passengers are magic sets: Marvin's Magic makes little boxed tricks, such as Baffling Boxes, or a Magic Dice Tunnel for about £3, or the Secret Box of Close-Up Magic containing 25 tricks for about £17.

Whatever you buy it's worth getting My Day-to-Day Holiday Book: Age 5-8/Age 9-12 by Sally Emerson (Pan Macmillan, £2.99 each) before you go away. The books give you a wealth of ideas for journeys, as well as the holidays themselves, and is a much better bet than my parents' fall-back game, Guess the Composer. This involved long hours of silent listening to Radio 3, only occasionally punctuated by a whispered sugges-tion: "... Is it Beethoven?" Clever parents.

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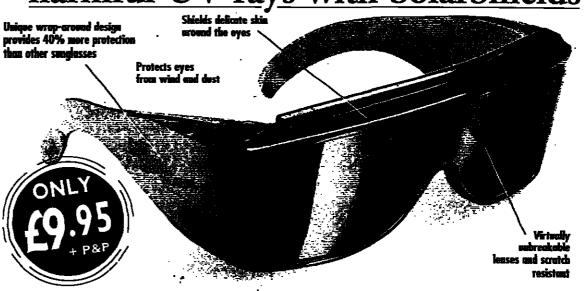
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JOHN LAWTON'S first novel, Black Out, was selected for WH Smith's Fresh Talent list last year and was praised by Scott Turow as "bringing to mind le Carre". Which only goes to show that even an acknowledged master of the all-pervasive American legal thriller can know little about the niceties of classic British espionage fiction.

There is almost nothing of the laid-back, ironically retrospective, world-weary le Carre style in Lawton's writing. He is far closer to early Graham Greene, in his 'entertainment" mode, with perhaps a touch of late Len Deighton

Khrushchev through the spyhole plot. Old Flames is the sequel to Black Out, and every bit as good. although readers coming to it fresh

will regret not having met the cast earlier, if only to answer nagging questions about their past. The action is set in that strange summer of 1956 with the British Empire at twilight preparing to reenact its glorious history as farce in Suez, sandwiched between the

burgeoning new imperialisms of

hero, Freddy Troy, Scotland Yard's detective chief inspector in charge of the murder squad, is a character
— as is pointed out to him in the pages of this book - who might have been born and brought up in a John Buchan novel before going to seed in middle age in 1950s Soho. Lawton makes much of the temporal setting, treating his scene-setting with all the loving

By John Lawton -Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £15.99 ISBN 0 297 81695 0

care of a Jane Austen adaptation. This is a deliberately construed period piece - laden with the contrasts of 1950s tatty pseudomodernity against the dull solidity of immemorial Englishness: Troy's Russian immigrant background allows us to view ourselves from his critical standpoint as an outsider emotionally crippled by his need

All of that is called into question as he is drafted in, because of his command of Russian, to eavesdrop on Nikita Khrushchev during his visit to Britain. The eventual result is his involvement in a bizarre series of murders, new and old sexual liaisons, tying into a web of improbable espionage involving a Derbyshire carpet salesman with a penchant for wearing his frogman's suit in bed.

As if to complete the true-life setting, there are amusing cameo performances from real-life contemporary luminaries: notably Khrushchev himself as the arrogant, foul-mouthed peasant with power, plus George Brown and Tom Driberg as their inimitable, outspoken selves. In an historical postscript, Lawton admits that he has played fast and loose with any semblance of historical veracity, beyond pinching a few basics of his plot from actual events.

The result is an immensely readable, if sometimes infuriatingly involved, romp through the coulisses of a widely neglected historical setting. The cast of characters - both borrowed and invented - is as rich, rounded and eccentrically plausible as any in recent thriller fiction. Great stuff but it prompts the question of how Lawton will conclude what I feel must be a trilogy: Cuba perhaps?

Choking grip of a killer

Mary Loudon is both enthralled and sickened by the graphic detail

of a homosexual murder spree

myself in the middle of reading Exquisite Corpse and it was a mistake. Clearly fascinated and appalled by the multiple killings of murderers Dennis Nilsen and Jeffrey Dahmer, Poppy Z. Brite's fourth horror novel concerns a (fictional) serial killer of young homosexual men; a man so lonely and so deranged he kills for company, keeping the corpses of his victims in bed or an armchair, stroking and



Brite: seductive power

talking to and raping their rotting bodies until they begin to disintegrate, and then cut-

ting them to pieces. If you feel nauseous reading the above, then pity me and my sandwich. But not too much. For while Exquisite Corpse is the first novel I have ever read that made me feel physically sick, it is also one which held my attention utter-ly rapt until its ghastly end. The subject matter is foul but the narrative is arresting

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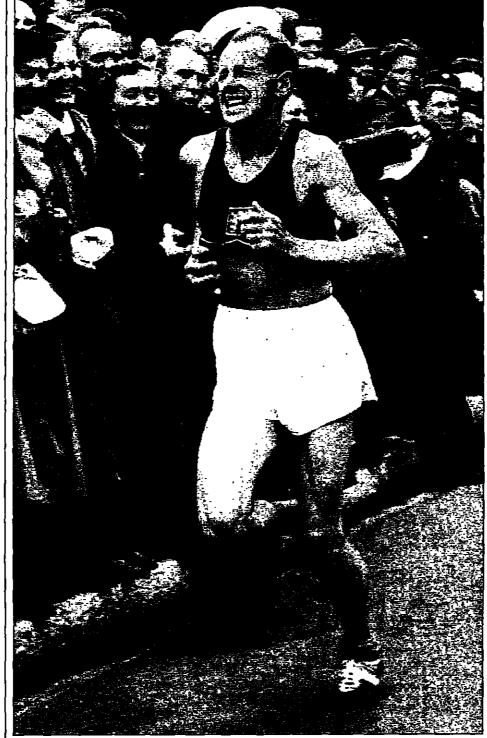
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nonetheless, its strength the result of Brite's shocking, vivid prose; of the colour and texture of her beautiful writing; of her wit, her intelligence and the complexity of even her most heinous characters.

Lots of people would hate this book, would think it unpleasant, offensive, vile. Is it? Well yes, of course it is. Violence is. But while Brite's descriptions of sexual murder are gruesome beyond belief, her attempts to explore what might drive a man to it, over and over again, is disturbing, intriguing and may or may not be close to some sort of

I confess that I wondered what I might have felt had this novel been written by a man. It should not make any difference, but I think it probably did. I suspect that if it had been, I might have found Exquisite Corpse alarming for a whole host of other reasons. and I wonder whether this is sexist of me. Perhaps it is, but comfort in the fact that this tale of lurid homosexual destructive fantasy was indeed merely fantasy, written as it was by a woman. If that is the case, then it is a testimony to the seductive power of Brite's writing; for however shocking it is, Exquisite Corpse is a book to devour. But not while you



Glory road: Emil Zátopek on his way to a gold medal in the 1952 Olympic marathon, from Dorling Kindersley's lavish Chronicle of the Olympics 1896-1996 (£19.95)

Nelson's columnist

ANTHONY SAMPSON has flown to South Africa this week to celebrate President Nelson Mandela's birthday, with a contract in his pocket to write the authorized biography of his old friend. It was Stuart Profiit, Lady Thatcher's editor at HarperCollins, who came up with the idea, and the deal was concluded with the literary agent Michael Sissons during Mandela's visit to

Sampson has known the President since the 1950s, when Mandela was a young lawyer and Sampson was the editor of the celebrated anti**BOOK NEWS**

apartheid magazine, The Drum. We shall discover more about Mandela's years in prison - and more about his matrimonial difficulties when the book is published at the end of his presidential term in 1999.

● JOHN MAJOR'S favourite caterer, Clare Latimer, bursts into print again this autumn with a cookbook that is sure to warm his heart (and his dinner plates): it will entitled Comfort Food.

● THE Ministry of Defence may soon be feeling less than pleased with one of its former heroes. The navigator John Nichol, who was shot down and briefly imprisoned during the Gulf War, is due to bring out his debut thriller, Point of Impact, with Hodder in the

It takes its cue from the

unusually high number of crashes that have occurred over the past year, and under the cover of fiction claims to tell some stark truths about the havoc wreaked by budget cuts on the RAF. But will it see the light of day?

Just for the krak of it

IN HAITI if you want someone to tell you a story, you say 'krik". If they have one to tell. they answer "krak". Sometimes nobody says "krik" but you talk anyway, answering to the call of your ancestors or your dead sisters — and your sisters are often dead: "In our world writers are killed if they are men. Called lying whores, then raped and killed, if they

Edwige Danticat is 27 and has lived in Brooklyn since she was 12. Often when she talks of writing, she does so in terms of cooking. When her family emigrated to America, they seem to have brought whole kitchens, whole markets and fields full of language with them, cupboards full of tales and memories and agonies of the flesh and the soul. She uses her ingredients with cunning. humour, violence and love.

Fates entwine in a collection of Haitian

short stories

KRIK! KRAK! By Edwige Danticat Abacus, E5.99 ISBN 0 349 10716 5

Haiti's fragile fragrances — bougainvillea and plantain mingle with that of stinking pork intestines or rotting human flesh; landscapes of butterflies and mountains also include the American-built prisons in which so many women perish daily.

All the women in these stories are interlinked, by bloodlines or story lines, or plain common experience. In

Caroline's Wedding, a story of two adult daughters living in Brooklyn with their mother, the narrator attends a Haitian Mass at which the names of drowned refugees are read. A name recurs from the opening story. The list was endless and with each name my heart beat faster, for it seemed as though many of those listed might have been people I'd known at some point in my

Through the casual way these stories and their characters part and rejoin. Danticat creates a feeling that we too. through our implied "krik" as we part the book's covers, are touched by a web of involvement, spun outwards from the powerful narrative threads that weave hypnotically across each page.

HELEN STEVENSON

Sad songs drift across the border

VETERAN sniper and paid assassin Clayton Price begins to lose his grip when he settles a long-standing personal vendetta in Mexico instead of simply following orders. American journalist Danny Pastor, the only man in Puerto Vallarta who saw him do it, thinks he can dispel his own gathering sense of failure, and his writer's block, by helping the killer escape and selling the story. Danny's girlfriend Luz Maria insists on coming too, determined to realise her lifetime dream of escaping from the grinding poverty of Mexican village life to el Norte, the United States.

Robert James Waller's tale of Clayton and Danny's run for the border in a clapped-out Ford Bronco is a familiar one, with a scenario of Gringos against federales, rugged and inhospitable mountain landscapes, and smouldering señoritas with swinging hips. Danny helpfully reminds us from time to time of the family relationship between his story and those of others such as Hunter Thompson and Carlos Fuentes who have driven the dangerous sideroads down through Mexico from the American border towns. But Waller has a singular talent for drawing his reader emo-tionally deep into a world of deprivation, damaged lives, callousness and raw sensual-

ity — the talent of the accom-plished ballad-maker. His style is spare and economical, but lyrical with suppressed feeling; he can seize and hold a key plot moment in a half-noticed glance or a

PUERTO VALLARTA By Robert James Waller



Waller: a ballad-maker

glimpsed gesture. His hunted men sense danger like the wildcats with whom they share the landscape. His women's fingers bring calm as they brush a bruised cheek; the warmth of a half-smile, the promise of a discreet embrace offer an emotional haven. In spite of the inevitability of its ending, Puerto Vallarta Squeeze holds the reader spellbound to the very last page.

"For flowers and sad songs," runs the epigram on the title page. On Luz Maria's tombstone in the tiny village of Ceylayla, where she was born, Danny Pastor inscribes. Nothing remains but flowers and sad songs". Puerto Va-Ilarta Squeeze is as haunting as it is compelling - as

unforgettable as a sad song. LIZA JARDINE

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Guess who's for dinner

FLESH AND BLOOD: A History of the Cannibal Complex By Reay Tannahill Abacus, £8.99 ISBN 0 349 10610 X

EATING people is wrong. Yet people do consume their fellows from time to time, and we are fascinated and obsessed with that fact. A luxuriant forest of myth, rumour, fabrication, anthropology and lurid journalism surrounds the subect. Reay Tannerhill's book is an attempt to slash a way through this jungle, from the myths of pre-history to contemporary celebrities such as Issei Sagawa, the Japanese student who killed and ate his girlfriend and is now - in a development worthy of Jonathan Swift - a well-known restaurant critic in Japan.

Flesh and Blood is a grizzly but not altogether convincing read. This is partly because Tannerhill relies on piling one damn thing on top of another, and partly because much of the "evidence" of cannibalistic practices is so implausible.

Human attitudes to cannibalism have always been ambivalent. It is regarded as the ultimate taboo, but, when done for reasons of survival, it evokes a kind of horror-struck



Myth: cannibals in Gabon

acquiescence — as when those stout Catholic youths survived a plane crash in the Andes in 1972 by eating their deceased fellow passengers. The fascination is in the

question: would I have done the same? In the same year, a small plane carrying David Kootook, a 14-year-old Inuit, together with his chronically ill aunt and a nurse, crashed in the Arctic. The nurse died instantly, the aunt soon after-wards. When the emergency rations ran out, the crippled pilot proposed that they should eat the others. David refused on the grounds that both had been good to him. and died a few days later. The pilot ate the nurse — and survived. Which is the hero?

JOHN NAUGHTON



Cheers before bedtime

WHAT does the jewel-encrusted turtle stolen from a batty actress in Dakota of the White Flats by film director Philip Ridley (Puffin, £3.99, ISBN 0 14 036893 0) have in common with the drain-dwelling monster of Kindlekrax. Ridley's carlier novel? Congenial and excite both executions. nial and exotic, both creatures seem to be the key to adolescent triumph over adult pessi-mism, the ultimate coup in amazing friends. For Dakota Pink, heroine of this surreal table, the nightmarish rescue of the glittering turtle from her child-hating father enables her to put him to shame. "Yes, yes. yes," he cries. "I'm bald, fat, small and charmless." An adventure set in anxiety-land, this dazzling pastiche of the magical and menacing is witnily captured by Chris Riddell's drawings.

Shadow of a Hero by Peter Dickinson (Corgi, £3.99, ISBN 0 552 52844 7) is a fantasy only so far as the Balkan state of Varina is fictional. Otherwise

Varina is fictional. Otherwise

with its big neighbours, bitter-

ly embattled history and fragile independence, it could be Bosnia/Croatia. Born in Brit-

ain, Letta is learning the language and legends of her

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native land ("weird grammar" and all) from her grandfather, when he is called upon to return as Verina's figurehead. Letta's arrival on the scene opens up a story of political intrigue interwoven with conflicting personal relationships, making this an altogether fine example of Dickinson's impressive grasp of storytelling.

In Tyger Pool by Pauline Fisk (Red Fox, £3.50, ISBN 0

09 926411 0). Rose is numbed by her mother's death and her father's apparent insensitivity. Then come further unwelcome jolts: the presence of an unnerving lodger calling herself Aunt Cat and a building threat to Rose's magical woodland pool. Her only refuge is the warmly eccentric Rocket family, whose friendship braces against darkening forces. Thirteen to fourteen-year-olds will be gripped as much by Rose's evolving strength as by a compelling and original fantasy in which human needs are powerfully explored.

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cuted non-religious Luther. This novel, while autobiographically allusive, has epic sweep. Rushdie's depiction of the Subcontinent is full of echoes of Dante, Greek myths, Shakespeare's tragedies. With a hint of Hollywood, the Moor's story spans four generations, telling of fortunes made and

lost, scandals and suicides, of love-matches crossing class and Catholic-Jewish boundaries, of household schisms. Domestic affairs mingle with world events. The Moor's grandsires are imprisoned for opposing co-

Embodying India's cultur-

al complexity, Rushdie's prose is an intricate, polyglot pastiche of styles from Bibli-cal to pidgin English. Sometimes the rhymes and puns can seem strained. Rambling sentences may reflect the protagonist's litinerant and mentally confused state. but they can be a slog to follow. That said, this book is jewelled with humorous and haunting images. A bridegroom slips into his spouse's wedding dress and rows away. India is celebrated, mocked and mourned in all its rich sprawl.

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ISBN 0 575 40007 2 IN 1914, before the First World War broke out, Times journalist Stephen Graham travelled through Central Asia. Inspired by his writings, Giles Whittell made the same journey, from the Caspian Sea to the Altai via Bukhara and Samarkand in 1992. En route he encountered Communism's legacy of environmental pollution and shared a wedding tent in a valley untouched by the 20th century. Whittell is a sociable chap and it is his portraits of the people he meets - Sasha in Tashkent watching the Playboy channel on cable, Valery, who teaches him to ride a motorbike - that makes this so entertaining.

■ CAESAR By Christian Meier Fontana, £9.99

ISBN 0 00 68349 3 A BIOGRAPHY of Caesar in the modern sense is impossible, since there is so much about his personal life that we can never know. His contemporaries certainly left some telling impressions of this ruthless operator. In this absorbing book Prof. Meier builds up a picture of the world in which a young aristocrat like Caesar grew up, showing how it influenced a man whose originality and ambition won speciacular victories for Rome but also plunged it into civil war.



Penguin, £6.99

ISBN 0 14 024644 4 WHEN Constantine and Mary Stassos first marry. they believe they can find their share of the American unflinching novel of contem-

Contribitors: Kate Bassett, Fiona Hook, Ariadne Birnberg, Hazel Leslie, Fanny Blake.

Did Rose West get a fair trial?

THE title sums up what Brian Masters believes to be the main reason for the jury's verdicts that Rosemary West was guilty of the murders of ten young women at 25 Cromwell Street. There was very little direct evidence, perhaps none at all, that she had participated directly in the killings carried out by her husband Fred. But how could she, living with Fred in what was, as Masters admits, a surprisingly small house, not have known of the murderous activities being carried out, not just once or twice but on at least ten occasions? She must have realised; even if she did not personally bring any life to its end, she must have been

thoroughly implicated.

Masters does not accept that reasoning. He cannot go as far as claiming affirmatively that Rosemary was innocent; but he argues that the legal test of guilt in a criminal trial — "beyond reasonable doubt" — was not met. On the evidence before the jury, he argues, she should have been acquitted.

Justice might have

been the victim of

prejudice, says **Marcel Berlins**

■ "SHE MUST HAVE KNOWN" By Brian Masters Doubleday, £15.99. ISBN 0 385 40650 9

He is also worried about a number of aspects of the trial which acted to Rosemary's disadvantage, a concern shared by many lawyers at the time. In particular, Masters is not alone in feeling that the evidence against Rosemary was tainted by the fact that several important witnesses had sold their stories to newpapers and therefore had a financial interest in her

Rosemary's most devastating antag-

His suicide effectively denied her the chance of defending her role against his. We do not know whether, had he stood trial, Fred West would have tried to persuade the jury of Rosemary's responsibility for the killings, or of her ignorance of them — and whether the jury would have believed him. Perhaps Geoffrey Wansell's forthcoming biography of Fred, with access to his

writings and confessions, will reveal Masters supports his thesis with some interesting psychological analy-sis of Fred and Rosemary. As the author of two compelling studies of serial killers, Dennis Nilsen and Jeffrey Dahmer, Masters's opinions on mass murder are worth respect. In the end he puts up a good, though not overwhelming, case that Rosemary West was the victim of a wrongful conviction, according to law. But he never quite manages to refute the logic of his book's title: common sense tells



us that "she must have known" It does not matter too much, because

had she been acquitted of murder, her depraved conduct would have resulted in other charges against her which would anyway have guaranteed a life Anthony Holden on Sam Wanamaker's magnificent, lifelong obsession

damned silly BESTSELLER
By Olivia Goldsmith HarperCollins, £14.99 ISBN 0 00 225341 0 PUBLISHERS will probably start this account of their industry at the index — I did. West: possible wrongful conviction Failing to find themselves — as I did — they will turn to the

lengthy acknowledgements, which quickly reveal the apparatus as a little joke. Nothing for it but to read the book. I found myself on page 63, at a party. I am with "the old charmer" Patrick Janson-Smith (of Transworld) and Ian Chapman (of Macmillan), "in need of a haircut". I have no adjectives appended - a rarity in Bestseller. I am not sure how to take the fact that my name has been borrowed to provide authenticity, along with any number of other publishing names and a good few anecdotes and in-jokes.

But do not read this book if you want to know what publishing is like. Reviewers of commercial fiction usually have a lot of fun at the expense of an author's inability to write about sex. Olivia Goldsmith hardly even tries. And yet, not for the first time. I am struck by a writer's inability to write about work - perhaps authors have more experience of sex than of office life.

Novels of the 1980s tended to be long by virtue of plaiting together two or three strands which could quite easily be novels in their own right. drawn together by theme or place or - surprisingly often jewellery and/or money. Bestseller is a novel of the 1990s. We know this because money is not the chief motivation. Instead we have too many stories, all about novelists or would-be novelists.

There is Gerald Ochs Smith, publisher-cum-novelist, and his editor-in-chief, in search of this year's bestseller, as well as the brilliant-but-asyet-unrecognised assistant, Emma, none of whom interested me one jot. Altogether more fun are the husbandand-wife team, in which the husband is trying to take credit for his wife's book; the English writer finishing her book and falling in love in Tuscany (I am a sucker for ralian settini all, the strand which starts off with the least promise as a publisher's rejection letter causes Terry to commit suicide on page ten, but not before she has ruminated on the fact that "the pain was not going to be ameliorated by the benison of talent", only for her mother to take up the cause of getting her daughter's novel

Despite some evidence that the benison of talent" was entirely absent, I did find the mother in me rooting for her.

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CLARE ALEXANDER ● The author is publishing direc-tor of Viking and Hamish Hamilton.

Helping mother to know best

PARENTS ON PARENTING
By Sarah Johnson Vermilion, £9.99 ISBN 0 09 178588 X

IN THE realm of bringing up children, parents often know better than any baby-care guru. You only have to watch a naturally good parent at work, in the street, at the supermarket, on the train to learn more in ten minutes about bringing up baby than reading a stack of baby books.

I very much like the idea of tackling child rearing from the coalface, so to speak, and this book repeatedly cuts through the theory to the nub of what childcare is all about in a way I found refreshing and appeal-

ing, but most of all useful.

Parents casting about for guidance on how to be a good parent will be relieved to find suggestions which are instantly applicable. Separate the child from the behaviour, say, That was a naughty thing to do", not "You're a naughty girl". Do not shout. Shouting breeds shouting and has less effect the more you do it, so try having a "whispering day" or pretend you have laryngitis. Keep a sense of proportion; your child will not have an unhappy life if he does not fold his clothes but will if he thinks he can get away with bullying. lying or selfishness. Oh, lots of

good stuff here. The potency of pocket case-histories, which abound throughout the book, lies in their sincerity. No parent can fail to be reassured that so many diligent parents have struggled, tried alternatives and decided that it is not actually important if you cave in now and then over the sweets that were forbidden, a bedtime later than normal, or tidying the toys instead of her — your child will not turn into an axe-murderer. Next time just be honest. "Yes I gave in. but I was tired and regret it and I don't want you to have had teeth."

THERE is hardly a sticky question left unanswered here and solutions come thick and fast in the form of "rescue packages" which I wish I had had access to 20 years ago. Just turn to page 71, where Belinda is describing how she coped with her three squabbling boys. "Say the rudest thing you like, just don't hit each other." Tongues hurt less

than fists. Best of all Parents on Parenting allows us to feel that we are not total failures. On smacking: "A parent who claims never to have smacked their child is very forgetful or a liar." And again: "It is odd that we prefer to hit our children when they are at their smallest and weakest, but that seems to be the way we are."

In implicitly giving us that permission, Sarah Johnson subtly persuades us to reject physically punishing our children. With that one phrase, "but that seems to be the way we are", we resolve to try never to smack again. That is quite an achievement - to nudge parents towards selfknowledge and changed behaviour.

But what will make this book a boon for parents is the practical advice - how to encourage a responsible child through personal maintenance, basic tidying, household responsibilities, meal times and special jobs, from very young up to the age of ten; what precautions to take if you have to leave your child home alone; useful addresses categorised by subject such as Toys and Play, Thinking and Talking and Bereavment.

Were my own sons not 30, 28, 25 and 22, I would fly to this book for sage advice; well - as a grandparent — perhaps . . .

ionette theatre, liked taking things to pieces to see how MIRIAM STOPPARD | they worked and was besotted

All his world was perates, part enrages. If Wan-amaker could not have had a

One man's dream: the reconstructed Globe theatre will be the centre of a Shakespeare complex in Southwark

a stage

WHEN the American actor Sam Wanamaker first came to London in 1949, an outspoken liberal Heen Senator McCarthy, he headed straight for the south bank of the Thames to seek out the British shrine to his idol. William Shakespeare.

Familiar with his countrymen's attempts in Chicago. Ohio and elsewhere to recreate the Globe theatre, Shakespeare's "Wooden O", Wanamaker was anxious to see how much better the Brits had managed it in Southwark. All he found, to his astonished dismay, was a barren wasteland - adorned only, amid the graffiti, by a rusting plaque on the wall of a makeshift car

From that moment, Wanamaker made it his life's mission to amend what he rightly

dream eventually realised. **THIS WOODEN O** By Barry Day Oberon Books, €19.99 ISBN 1870259491

regarded as a scandalous omission by his adopted country. For 20 years, as he pursued his career and raised his family, he talked about it incessantly — to the point where his brother, a Chicago doctor, finally told him to shut up and do something.
That took the next 20 years.

The foundations had at last been laid by the time Wanamaker's death in 1993 robbed him of the chance to see his

A nostalgic autobiography by Paddington's creator

This is the heroic story of those fraught decades, when Wanamaker and a changing succession of equally obsessive allies took on the combined forces of inertia, philisitinism, Establishment indifference and bureaucratic bloody-mindedness to build the handsome Elizabethan theatre which now stands on the site, soon to be in business. supposedly the heart of a mammoth Shakespeare com-

plex by the turn of the It is told in detail meticulous to a degree, which part exas-

more devoted chronicler than Barry Day, he might have hoped for a less prolix, more literate one. The number of sentences which end in ellipses left me constantly wanting to hurl the book out the window, then thinking better - for its hero's sake rather than its author's. For this is a story which

demands to be told, an aptly chaotic monument to a noble American visionary who did for Britain in four decades what Shakespeare's own countrymen had shamefully failed to achieve over four centuries.

Editorially, the book may be as much of a shambles as the tale it tells; but both, at least, are redeemed by happy

In an age of daemons

LYRA BEKACQUA is an un-usual child: "half-wild, halfcivilised", with no knowledge of her parentage, she has been left to live among the unworldly scholars of Jordan College, Öxford.

Lyra's Oxford is almost recognisable - crusty dons. private common rooms, bitter in-fighting and rampant sex-ism. But the emphasis on cosmology and "anbaralogy". and the worries about the Tartar's invasion of the frozen north, are the first indicators that her universe is not quite our own. Indeed, she lives in "Brytain", where the currency is gold dollars and fear stalks in the form of "the gobblers". who spirit children away to who knows where.

Philip Pullman has set this fantasy for teenagers in a sort of contemporary Dark Age. Its characters can both enjoy the trappings of 20th-century life. as well as search for other worlds and converse with witches. But Pullman's best creation are the daemons.

In his world, the difference between humans and animals is not language — Lyra has many a chat with a multilingual polar bear; it is that every human is protected by his or her own daemon, in the shape of an animal, without which a person cannot

survive. Lyra's adventure begins when she discovers that her natural mother is the chief

■ HIS DARK MATERIALS
- NORTHERN LIGHTS By Philip Pullman Point, £12.99 ISBN 0590541781

obbler", sending the stolen children north to have experiments done to them and their daemons. When her father

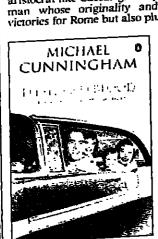


Pullman: magical fantasy

and her best friend disappear as well, she is off to the Arctic - the land of king bears, witches, mysterious "Dust" and the dazzling Aurora.

Northern Lights has won the Carnegie Medal and the Guardian Prize for children's fiction, and enjoyed commercial success in America. It is the first part of a trilogy, but the author has said that the second will be set in our universe. After this magical tale, that can only be a let-down.

GILL HORNBY



■ FLESH AND BLOOD By Michael Conningham

ISBN 0 09 476600 2 LONG gone are the days of bull-baiting. rabbit-catching, blackbird-hunting or lark-shooting. But in this rollicking family memoir of Dream. But as nuclear family values disintegrate in the Victorian rural England face of the 20th century, their these and other pastimes are lives sour. Their three childrevived with relish as is "the ren cannot escape "the net of level of rural fornification and adultery where the harms woven by their father and mother." Cunningham's hedgerows, woods, barns unusual breadth of sympaand even bedrooms heaved thy takes him to the heart of with both to a degree that is family life, moving easily not normally associated with from a father's overbearing the adjective 'Victorian'." A demands to a son's coming Lincolnshire village, Hedinto terms with his homosexgham, and its people are uality, a daughter's rebellion enthusiastically resurrected or a mother's growing unin this vivid piece of social derstanding. A stirring and history which documents a

kind of paradise lost.



ator of Paddington, the most famous fictional bear since Winnie the Pooh. Although in the jacket photograph Bond looks slap up to date in his rakish trenchcoat, he was born in 1926, a year that has already acquired the sepia tinge of history, being the year of the first talking picture and the first British general strike. Somehow, in this gently meandering memoir, Bond

makes most of the events in his life seem like happenings in a long-distant past. Perhaps his old fashioned writing style has something to do with it he is often "thrown in at the deep end" or meeting people in whom "there undoubtedly hurked a heart of gold". Or perhaps it is because the world has changed so much in the past three decades that it is hard to imagine that the 1950s occurred within living memory. As recently as 1956, Bond

revealed, no television programmes were transmitted for an liour in the early evening, the so-called "Toddlers Truth" to allow parents to put their children to bed. Bond, brought up in Reading, was a watchful, selfabsorbed only child who played endlessly with his mar-



Paddington: the most famous bear since Winnie the Pooh

BEARS AND FOREBEARS: A LIFE By Michael Bond HarperCollins, £18 ISBN 0 00255704 5

by the movies. After a rather uneventful war, he became a BBC cameraman, while starting to write stories and articles, including a series on scooters for the Manchester Guardian.

A Bear Called Paddington was published in 1958, the appealing and homeless little animal inspired by a toy bear which Bond had given to his wife at the time and the memory of evacuee children wearing labels around their necks. The Browns, the family

who give Paddington a home, were based on Bond's own parents, timorous, rigid in outlook and utterly decent. Bond's autobiography is rich in anecdote about the

early days of television, the merchandising and marketing of Paddington Bear and Bond's sexual awakening. which he lingers over with a quite smutty relish. For years now, Bond has been a worldly sophisticate

and Francophile gourmet but something remains in him of the unworldly young boy. going to Reading station to watch the Cheltenham Flyer thunder through, making him endearingly Pooterish.

PENNY PERRICK

GOING OUT

CHILDREN

LONDON Children's Quiz Eight year olds and under are invited to bring a pencil for a tour around the Gallery Collection. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0)71-839 3321). Today, phone for

Children's Summer Funtair Featuring a mini helter-skelter ride and bouncy castle for youngsters. Alexandra Park. Wood Green, N22. Today, tomorrow, midday-7pm; free.

From Fisticuffs to Swords A film workshop for eight-Museum of London London Wall, EC2 (0171-600 3699). Tomorrow, 12.45pm, 2pm and 3.30pm; £3.50, child £1.75.

Funny Bones Pandemonium strikes in Ghost Town for ages six to II. Havil Hall. Havil Street, SE5 (0171-708 5401). Today, 11.30am and 2.30pm; E4, child E3.

Lambeth Country Show Featuring music, dance, farm animals and a funfair. Brockwell Park, SE24 (017)-926 9340). Today and tomorrow, 10.30am-6.30pm; free.

Storytelling Workshops Six- to 14-year-olds are invited to participate in a workshop exploring loyalty between friends and brave tales of travellers, led by Vetta Alexis. British Museum. Great Russell Street, WCI (0171-412 7797). Tomorrow, 3pm-4_30pm; free.

The Wonderland Adventures of Alice Spectacular summer show

with comic characters. presented by London Bubble. Valentines Park, Cranbrook Road, Ilford, Essex (0171-237 1663). Today, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 5.30pm; £10,

Zippo's Circus All-new circus. Horses are the only animals included. Barking Road Recreation E6 (0374-811811). Today, 2.30pm, 5pm and 7.30pm. tomorrow Ham and 2.30pm;

£4.50-£8.50, child £3.50-£7.50. **REGIONAL** BELFAST The Portrush Flyer Journey from Belfast to the Portrush seaside in a delightful steam train.

Belfast Central Railway Station, (01960 353 567). Today, departs Belfast 9.05am, arrives Portrush midday; departs Portrush 4.45pm, arrives Belfast 7.30pm; £15, cones £9 (booking: 01960 344 566/fax 350 350).

CRAIGAVON Vikings and Pirates A mixed bag of treats in this adventure excursion, including face-painting on board the boat, plus games, a treasure hunt and a tour around Coney

Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island, (01762 322 205). Today, 11am-4pm; advance booking essential, phone for details.

GUILDFORD Moscow State Circus The very best in circus entertainment from the acclaimed company. No animals. Stoke Park. (042) 565 557). Today. ends tomorrow, 2pm and 5pm; prices

range from £20-£6, phone for further details.

LEEDS Dance Workshop Toe-tap, salsa and boogie your way through a range of dance styles. Eight- to 13-year-olds. Northern School of Contemporary Dance Chapeltown Road (0113 262 5359). Today, 9.30am-2.30pm; admission 50p.

LEEDS Rhythms of the City Special children's activities include a bouncy castle and a craft corner. Rhythms of the City Festival, Various venues (0113 244 2111). Today, tomorrow, times vary. phone for details; free.

MANCHESTER Vivid Eleven- to 16-year-olds are invited to learn all about art. Cornerhouse, Oxford Street (0161-228 2463). Today, 11.30am; £2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Children's Gallery Interactive games, art and toys for the under fives. Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place (0191-232 7734). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow. 2pm-5pm; free.

SHEFFIELD Festival Stalls, entertainers and games. Various venues (0114 281 4050). Ends today, phone for details.

WOKING The Wind in the Willows Adapted by Alan Bennett from the classic tale. New Victoria Theatre, Peacock Centre (01483 761 144). Ends tonight, 8pm; £9-£22.50.



LAURIE LEWIS/FRANK SPOONER PICTURES

Guildford: walking the tightrope in the Moscow State Circus

CLASSICAL

E LONDON Black and Classie/ Herbert Featuring Stabat Mater by Pergolesi and Buxtehude's Llaudate Pueri Dominum. St James's Church, Piccadilly, W1 (0171-437 5053). Tonight, 7.30pm; £12.50.

Dmitri Alexeev Ten waltzes are among the highlights in a Chopin recital. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street. WI (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm; £8-£16.

English Chamber

Orchestra/Heath Handel's Water Music and Schubert's Fifth Symphony as part of an 80th birthday concert for Sir Edward Heath. Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, NW3 (0171-413 1443). Tonight, 7.30pm;

£10.50 and £13,50, cones £8.50.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CHELTENHAM FINALE The Cheltenham Music Festival ends this weekend with recitals in the Pittville Pump Room by three of Britain's finest women soloists. The soprano Joan Rodgers gives the professional premiere of Michael Berkeley's Songs for Children in an otherwise 19th-century song programme this morning (llam). And there is another world premiere tonight, when Imogen Cooper plays Thomas Ades's new piano work, Traced Overhead, in a concert that also includes Haydn, Schumann and Bartok. Tomorrow, at llam, Emma Kirkby brings her matchless early music vocal artistry to bear on a programme of consort songs stretching from the 16th to the 20th century. RICHARD MORRISON

Various venues, Cheltenham Festival box office (01242 227 979).



London: Sir Edward Heath is the conductor at Kenwood

Piers Lane The Third Sonata, waltzes and mazurkas are included in this all-Chopin recital. Wigmore Hall. Wigmore Street, WI (0171-935 2141). Tomorrow, 11.30am; £7.

■ REGIONAL BIRMINGHAM London Concert Orchestra/ Wynne-Griffiths Amongst the popular favourites included in this classical gala is Grieg's Piano Concerto. Symphony Hall. Broad Street (0)21-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm; £5-£22.50.

CAMBRIDGE Britten Sinfonia/Cleobury Paying tribute to Gerhard. performing his Piano and Harpsichord Concertos and Falla's El Amor Bruio. West Road Concert Hall. University of Cambridge (01223-504 444). Tonight, 8pm; £12 concs £6.

POP

CRITIC'S CHOICE

ALAN STIVELL With popular interest in Celtic music at an all-time peak, the Breton singer and harp player Alan Stivell pays a timely visit to promote his album Brian Boru. A fusion of traditional sounds (bagpipes, flute, whistle and Celtic harp) with the more strident tones of electric guitar and synthesizer, this atest batch of songs originate from Ireland, Scotland and Wales as well as France. Stivell's arrangements couch such celebrated melodies as Mairi's Wedding and Lands of My Fathers in a modern rock idiom while taking care to preserve the spirit that gave these songs such enduring appeal in the first place. DAVID SINCLAIR

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm; £7.50-£12.50.

LONDON A Day for Tibet Sinead O'Connor, Trilok Gurtu and John Etheridge and Andy Summers are among those playing in this concert to raise awareness of occupied Tibet. Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, N22 (0171-383 7533). Today. midday-7pm; £10, children £5.



London: Alan Stivell

Croydon Folk and Blues Festival Bert Jansch. Beverley Martyn, Spoonful' Blues (today), Wizz Jones, John Pearson Trio, David Hughes with Gerry Conway (tomorrow)... Crovdon Clocktower. Braithwaite Hall, Katherine Street, Croydon (0181-253 1030). Tonight, tomorrow. 7.30pm; ES.

Gabrielle British soul singer continues her month-long Sunday night residency. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, WI (0171-439 0747). Tomorrow, Sprn; £8.50.

TUC Respect Festival Free festival with headliners Incognito, Gregory Isaacs, Dreadzone, Chumbawamba and Credit to the Nation. Finsbury Park. N4 (0171-467 1287). Tonight, midday-9pm; free.

Tina Turner Rock's glamorous granny

Wembley Stadium, Empire Way (0181-900 1234). Today, 4pm, tomorrow, 3.30pm; £25-£30.

Hukwe Zawose and the Wagogo Drummers Traditional music of Tanzania. Watermans Arts Centre. **Brentford High Street** (0181-568 1176). Tonight,

10_30pm; £8-£9.

■ REGIONAL CAMBRIDGE Cowboy Junkies Ambient folk and country rock from the Canadian Timmins siblings. Wheeler Street (01223-357 851). Tonight, 7.30pm;

CARLISLE Brampton Live Folk festival which includes such groups as Caravanserai, New Bushbury Mountain Daredevils, Big Jig (today). Steeleye Span, Shooglenifty. Kristina Olsen (tomorrow). William Howard Centre, Brampton (01228-512 444). Today, 1.30pm, tomorrow, 12.30pm; prices vary.

EDINBURGH Sona Diabate Guinean singer and guitarist from the all-female group Les Amazones de Guinec. Fruitmarket Gallery. Market Street (0131-225

2383). Tonight, 9pm; £4.50,

concs £2.50.

GILLINGHAM Parklife Acid jazz team the James Taylor Quartet lead a festival of local bands. Gillingham Park. Canterbury Street (01634-282 618). Today, midday-

10.30pm; free. **GLASGOW** Bryan Adams, Del Amitri, Melissa Etheridge, Ricky Ross Mainstream rock from the

now officially huge Adams and some like-minded lbrox Stadium. Edmiston Drive (0141-427 8500). Today, 2pm; £23.

Elvis Costello and the Attractions The New Wave intellectual plays his new album. All That Useless Beauty, with his original backing band. Barrowland, Gallowgate (0141-552 4601). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; E14.

Neil Young and Crazy Horse Just a quick stop-off by the country-rock and grunge original, playing his atest album entitled Broken Arrow. Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, (0141-248 9999). Today, 6,30pm; £21-£23.50.

LIVERPOOL Elvis Costello and the Attractions See Glasgow. Royal Court, Roe Street (0151-709 4321). Today, 7.30pm; £11.50-£12.50.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE Boyzone

Irish teenage boy band. Newcastle Arena. Neville Street (0191-401 8000). Today, 6.30pm; £12.50. READING

Womad Festival With Thomas Mapfumo and Mbiras Unlimited, the Mighty Diamonds, Banco De Gaia, Kali, Banyumas Bamboo Gamelan (today). Ng La Banda, Remmy Ongala, Dreadzone, Barenaked Ladies, Wagogo Women's Drum and Dance Ensemble, Jackie Leven, Mayte Martin and N'Java (tomorrow). Richfield Avenue (01734 591 591). Today, tomorrow;

£50, day tickets £22. SHEFFIELD Boyzone See Newcastle upon Tyne. Sheffield Arena, Broughton Lane (0114-256 5656). Tomorrow, 6.30pm;

Music in the Sun Rock and reggae from Longpigs, Blameless, Kenickie, Jazz Jamaica (today). Frankie Paul, the Mighty Diamonds, Zion Train (tomorrow). Don Valley Grass Bowl, (0114-275 4504). Today, tomorrow, 2pm-midnight;

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON With Bjork, Massive Attack, Cypress Hill, Skunk Anansie, Shed Seven. Mazzy Star, Grant Lee Buffalo, Goldie, US3 (today), the Sex Pistols. Terrorvision, Echobelly, Marion, Coolio, Reef, the Chemical Brothers, Spooky, James Taylor Quartet (tomorrow), Long Marston Airfield, (0)71-344 0044). Today. tomorrow, lOam; £65, day tickets £25.

CRITIC'S CHOICE

JAZZ

MARY CLEERE HARAN One of the classiest of New York caharet singers, Mary Cleere Haran celebrates the songs of Rodgers and Hart in her debut residency in London. Always ready with a subtle one-liner. Haran revisits the ghosts of Tin Pan Alley with the help of her accompanist and arranger.

Rodney Bennett. CLIVE DAVIS Pizza on the Park, Knightsbridge, London SWI (0171-235 5273). Tonight, 9.15pm and 11.15pm: £18. **E** LONDON

the multi-talented Richard

Marque Gilmore's Drum FM with Graham Haynes American drummer leads a live jazz-jungle session featuring cryptic New York trumpeter Graham Haynes and African percussionist Andy Moses. South Bank Centre, SEI (0)71-960 4242). Tonight, 8pm; £10.

8.30pm; £5.

1960s, best known for his rare TAUNTON groove classics such as Walk That Walk and Talk Elaine Delmar That Talk. Jazz Cafe, Parkway, NWI (0171-344 Brewhouse, 0044). Tonight, 7pm; £12, adv



Weldon Irvine

Soul-jazz survivor from the

Christchurch: George Melly

Peter King Dazzling bebop altoist. Bull's Head. Lonsdale Road, SW13 (0181-876 5241). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

Art Porter, Tony O'Malley Quartet Oddball tenor saxophonist from Arkansas, with support from soul-jazz singer O'Malley. Ronnie Scott's. Frith Street, WI (0171-439 0747). Tonight. 9pm; £12.

Don Weller Serpentine tenor saxophonist veteran. 606 Club, Lots Road, SW10 (0171-352 5953). Tonight, 10pm; E4-50. Buil's Head, Lonsdale Road, SW13 (0181-876 5241). Tomorrow, 8pm; £5.

■ REGIONAL BIRMINGHAM Lou Dalgleish Poetic, gravel-voiced chanteuse. Mac. Cannon Hill Park (0121-440 3838). Tonight, 7.30pm; £7.

CHESTER Raw Stylus London funk team. Telfords Warehouse, Tower Wharf (0)244-390 090). Tonight, 8.30pm; £4.

CHISLEHURST Tim Whitehead Quartet Fiery fusion and hard bon tenorist features blind pianist Pete Jacobsen. Bull's Head Hotel, Royal Parade (0181-467 (727). Tomorrow, 8pm; £6.

CHRISTCHURCH George Melly The pantomime dame of traditional jazz hits the road. Regent. Christchurch High Street (0)202-479 819). Tomorrow. 8pm; £8.50, £7.50.

LEEDS Negrocan Latin-jazz octet fusing Uruguayan Candombe and Brazilian rhythms. The Yardbird Suite Jazz Club, The Underground, T & C

Club, Cookridge Street (0113-

230 2669). Tonight,

American singer salutes Porter and Gershwin. Coal Orchard (01823-283 244). Tonight, 7.45pm; £8.

WELWYN GARDEN CITY Scott Hamilton with the Mike Carr Trio US tenorist joins British veteran Cart. Fairway Suite: Old Herns Lane (01438-717 997). Tomorrow, 8pm; £8.

FILMS

Films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

CRITIC'S CHOICE ◆THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS (15) Short, dark and dumpy Janeane Garofalo gets tall. blonde and lissom Uma Thurman to be her stand-in for a romance with Ben Chaplin (another British actor conquering American hearts) Romantic comedy with no surprises but plenty of pleasant humour, directed by Michael Lehmann.

GEOFF BROWN ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (01426-914 666) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) Screen on Baker Street (0171-935 2772) Screen on the Hill (0171-435 3366) Virgins: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) Haymarket (0171-839 1527) Warner West End (0171-437 4343)



London: Cats and Dogs

■ NEW RELEASES LES APPRENTIS (15):

Meandering adventures of French layabouts. Weak comedy by Pierre Salvadori, with François Cluzet and Guillaume Depardieu. ABC Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) MGM Trocadero (0171-434 U031)

◆ HAPPY GILMORE (12): Blue collar guy hits the galf links. So-so vehicle for a grating television comic, \dam Sandler. MGM Trocadero ((017)-434 0031) Plaza (0800-888 997) Warner ((0171-437 4343)

HUSTLER WHITE (18): Adventures of male hustlers on Santa Monica Boulevard, Unappealing,

ICA Cinema (0171-930 3647)

■ CURRENT

♦ THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse mix of the cuddly and downbeat.

Barbican 🔂 (0171-638 8891) Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (01426-915 683) Swiss Cottage (01426 914 098) Ritzy (0171-737 2121) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

◆ KINGPIN (IZ): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray. MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) Swiss Cottage (0171-586 3057) West End (01426-915 574) UCI Whiteleys (0990 888 990)

◆ THE ROCK (18): Belligerent action movie set on Alcatraz, with Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery and Ed Harris. Director, Michael

MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) Chelsea (017)-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) West End (01426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (5) (0990 888 990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2636)

COMEDY

CRITIC'S CHOICE

SHORT BAC AND SIDES Pip Edinburgh Festival fans to the post. Comics are now limbering up on the London fringe before the mighty Scottish bash. The Battersea Arts Centre will be swarming with stand-ups from Monday on. Shows worth a peep include the savagely witty Greg Proops and the Fist of Fun lads Lee and Herring. Also the nicely droll Dominic Holland, the madeap Mel and Sue and that clever beanpole Ben Moor. KATE BASSETT

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, Battersea (0171-223 2223). Phone for details.

■ LONDON Banana Cabaret With Dan Evans, Tim Clark, Otiz Cannelloni and Kevin Kopstein. Banana Cabaret, The Bedford. Bedford Hill, SW12 (0181-673 (756). Tonight, 9pm: £6.

Edinburgh Preview: I Can't Believe It's Not the **Rutter Facto.** Comic sketches from the Cheese Collective. King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tomorrow, 8pm; £5.

Comedy Store Players Mainstream television personality line-up including Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton and Lee Simpson. Comedy Store.

Oxendon Street, SWI-(01426-914 433). Tomorrow, 8pm; £10.

Downstairs at the King's

Head Huw Thomas MCs for Paul Zenon, JoJo Smith and Johnathon Paylor. Downstairs at the King's Head. Crouch End Hill, N8 (0181-340 1028). Tonight, 8.30pm; £4.50, concs £3.50.

East Dulwich Tavern: Edinburgh Previews Featuring Dembina and Djalili and Steve Brody. East Dulwich Tavern, Lordship Lane, SE22 (0181-

299 4138). Tonight, 9pm; E5. Edinburgh Preview: Jenny Eďair Top Brit bleached-blonde comedian dishing out the dirt. Pleasance London (above Shillibeers Brasserie Bar), Carpenters Mews, North Road, N7 (0171-609 1800). Tonight, lÒpm; £6.

Gigglefest — Edinburgh Preview Season Milton Jones on stage tonight with the Head. The Hen and Chickens Theatre Bar. St Paul's Road, NI (0171-704 2001). Tonight, 9.30pm; £5, concs £4.

Gigglefest! — Edinburgh Preview Season The world according to Lenny Beige. The Hen and Chickens Theatre Bar. St Paul's Road, NI (0171-704 2001). Tonight, 8pm; £5.

Jongleurs Camden Jelf Green, John Mann, Paul B. Edwards and Sean Meo. The Tracey Brothers Jongleurs Comedy Camden Lock. Chalk Farm Road, NWI

(0171-924 2766). Tonight, 7.15pm and 11.15pm; £10. Edinburgh Preview: Making Sunday Special The highly successful Girls with Big Jests in a new

Wimbledon Studio.

The Broadway, SW19 (0181-542 6141). Tomorrow, 8pm: £5, concs £4. Channel 4 Sitcom Festival: Week 2 Bleeding Heats by Andy Riley and Kevin Čecil, Paul Shearer and Lenny Barker's Last Legs and The Magnificent Andersons by

Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-74) 2255). Tonight, 8pm; £7.50. Up the Creek: Benefit Jo Brand, plus Malcolm

Hardee and Ricky Grover.

Up the Creek, Creek Road, SE10 (0181-858

Diana Fox and David

4581). Tomorrow, 9pm; £6. ■ REGIONAL MANCHESTER Frog and Bucket Comedy

Featuring Ali Jay, Kevin Hayes and Tony Burgess. Frog and Bucket. Newton Street (0161-636 9805). Tonight, 8.30pm; £4.

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LONDON Spitalfields Community Festival Established event with a multicultural focus. Spitalfields Market, Brushfield Street, El (0171-375 0441). Tomorrow, llam-5pm; free.

■ REGIONAL

CHEPSTOW Chepstow Festival 96 Carnival, sports, a beer fest, visual art shows. Weekend highlight is the Son et Lumière. Festival Office. Various venues (01291-621 399). Today, Ham-midnight, tomorrow, 2pm-midnight; day events, free, Son et



Henley: Thames Boat Rally

GALWAY Galway Arts Festival Daytime street performances, music from the Sawdoctors and Kaddish, who explore the Holocaust. Various venues, (00353 91 583 800), Today, tomorrow, phone for details.

HENLEY Traditional Boat Rally Mess about in boats: skiffs, gigs, punts, launches, canoes, Jazz band, boat jumble, period costume. Fawley Meadow, Henley-on-Thames (01932-231 305). Today and tomorrow; E5 a day, or two-day ticket E9, child £1.

IRVINESTOWN Lady of the Lake Festival Dog trials, street bands and the Heineken worst singer competition. Ulster Lakeland Equestrian Park and venues. (01365-323 110/621 919). Today, 10am-midnight, ends tomorrow, llam-8_30pm; phone for details.

ST ALBANS St Albans Festival Highlight of week-long lest is the English Civil War Battle. Also concerts. circus acts, walks and talks. St Albans Festival. (01727-844 222). Today. tomorrow, English Civil War Battle, 3pm; [3],

WELLINGBOROUGH Bug Jam Volkswagen festival, drag racing, car displays. Santa Pod Raceway Airfield Road (01234-782 828). Today, ends iomorrow; weekend, £24, tomorrow, Ell.

GALLERIES

CRITIC'S CHOICE

VISIONS OF LOVE AND LIFE Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has an incomparable collection of Pre-Raphaelite paintings and drawings, which sometimes seems to languish without honour in its own country. Not so in America, where this show of more than 120 works has just wowed critics and public in a five-cities, coast-to-coast tour, It now returns home, supplemented by famous pictures such as Ford Madox Brown's The Last of England and Holman Hunt's The Finding of the Saviour in the Temple, which were judged too fragile to travel. Foreign approval should engender healthy respect at home and encourage Birmingham to look with new delight on its old treasures. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Chamberlain Square, Birmingham (0121-235 2834). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 12.30-5pm; free

■ LONDON Stephan Balkenhol Disquieting figurative wooden sculptures from the artist in

Saatchi's stable. Saatohi Gallery. Boundary Road, NW8 (017)-624 8299). Today, tomorrow, midday-6pm. ends July 28;

Peter Fischli. David Weiss Works redefining everyday objects by the art duo. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, W2 (0171-402 6075). Today, ends tomorrow, 10am-6pm; free.

The Portable Museum of Marcel Duchamp Unique opportunity to view those boxes of Duchamp.

Birmingham: Ford Madox Brown's The Last of England. 1855, in the Pre-Raphaelite exhibition

Cork Street, W1 (0171-734 6440). Today, 10am-5.30pm, ends July 27: free.

Sculpting Work of three young

sculptors: Richard Bray, Jacki Parry. Emily Young. Fine Art Society downstairs, 148 New Bond Street, London WI (0171-629 5116). Today, 10amlpm; free.

■ REGIONAL

ABERDEEN The Colour of Light: Art Work by Scottish Colourists. Aberdeen Art Gallery,

Schoolhill (01224-646 333). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow. 2-Spm, ends July 27; free.

GLASGOW Craigie Aitchison First large survey of paintings to celebrate artist's 80th birthday. Gallery of Modern Art, Queen Street (0141-331 1854). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, ilam-5pm; free.

LEEDS Lois Williams Elegant and intelligent sculptures made from rope, wax and papier maché. Leeds Metropolitan University Gallery. Calverley Street (0113-283 2600 ext 3339). Today, 10am-3pm; free.

LIVERPOOL Joan Miró: Printmaker Engravings and lithographs. Tate Gallery Liverpool. Albert Dock (0151-709 3223). Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm; £2.50.

NORWICH East International Established annual open submission exhibition. Norwich Gallery. St George's Street (01603-610 561). Today. 10am-5pm; free.

ROCHDALE Matters of Concern The late Jo Spence's work in collaboration with Rosy Martin. Rochdale Art Gallery. Esplanade (01706-342 154). Today, 10am-4pm; free.

SOUTHAMPTON Really Out of Order Pop art on show, plus pieces by contemporary artists working in the 1960s tradition, including work by Bridget Riley and Daniel Sturgis. John Hansard Gallery, The University (01703-595 000, ext 2160). Today, 10.30am-5.30pm. ends today; free.



London: the all-male corps de ballet dancing in Swan Lake

LONDON

From Sep 9 Swan Lake Matthew Bourne's awardwinning version for Adventures in Motion Pictures opens at the Piccadilly Theatre, featuring an all-male corps de baller. Box office: 0171-369 1734.

Sep II-Oct 26 Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? Diana Rigg and David Suchet are the warring couple in Albee's ferocious comedy. revived by Howard Davies at the Almeida Theatre. Box

office: 0171-359 4404. ■ NATIONWIDE

Sep 9-13 Steely Dan Walter Becker and Donald Fagen reunite to play Wembley Arena, London (Sep 9-10, 0181-900 1234), NEC, Birmingham (Sep 12, 0121-780 4133) and SECC, Glasgow (Sep 13, 0141-248 9999).

■ REGIONAL

EDINBURGH August 6-31 Traverse Theatre
One of the best Fringe programmes is the Traverse's productions of David Greig's The Architect and Chris Hannan's Shining Souls, as well as Canada's Da Da Kamera in Here Lies Henry, New Zealand's Mark Hadlow in S.N.A.G (A Sensitive New Aged Guy, Canada's Clare Coulter in Wallace Shawn's The Fever and America's Voyager Productions in Joe

August 18-21 Martha Graham Dance Company Early works by Graham, created between 1918 and 1947, as part of the Edinburgh international Festival at the Edinburgh Playhouse. Box office: 0131-225 5756.

Pintauro's The Spirit. Box office:

0131-228 1404.

RELIGION

■ LONDON Celebrating Westminster Catholic Cathedral Exhibition of people and objects associated with Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral. The aim is to show religious items as objects of lasting significance. Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral. Victoria Street, London SWI (0171-

llam-4pm daily REGIONAL

WINCHESTER

Festival Concert with combined cathedral choirs from Chichester. Salisbury and Winchester, with the Sarum Chamber Orchestra. Holy Eucharist at 10.30am. Liturgy of the Foundation with Winchester Cathedral Choir. Winchester Cathedral. The Close, Winchester. Hants. Check concert availability at 10a Cathedral Today and tomorrow.

OPERA

■ LONDON Don Carlos Bernard Haitink conducts the Royal Opera House Orchestra and Chorus in Verdi's epic. Albert Hall. Kensington Gore, SW7

The Silver Lake Markus Stenz conducts the London Sinfonietta performing Weill's last work, in a performance sung in German Albert Hall,

Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tomorrow, 7.30pm; £4-£18.

■ REGIONAL BUXTON

Amadigi The Opera Theatre Company Dublin stage Handel's opera. Buxton Opera House, Water Street (0129-872 190). Tonight, 7.30pm; £5-£30.

LEWES Lulu

Andrew Davis conducts a new production of Alban Berg's opera, directed by Graham Vick. Glyndebourne Opera House. (01273-813 813). Today, 5pm; £10-£110.

Yevgeny Onyegin Graham Vick's staging of Tchaikovsky's classic opera on Pushkin is treated to a Glyndebourne revival. Glyndebourne Opera (01273-813 813). Tomorrow.

4.10pm; £10-£110. SOUTH SHIELDS Don Giovanni Pimlico Opera Company performs Mozart's blackedged comedy.

Lewes: Yevgeny Onyegin staged at Glyndebourne

WOBURN Madame Butterfly A production of Puccini's classic opera performed in a concert given by the company of Gran Teatro La Woburn Abbey, (01908-234 466). Tonight. 8pm: £24.50-£50.

THEATRE

■ LONDON Comedy of Errors The New Shakespeare Company's season opens with Claire Lyth's production of the Bard's double-twin mixup. Cast includes Debra Beaumont and Paula Wilcox. Open Air, Regent's Park. NW1 (0171-486 2431). Today, 2.30pm, 8pm.

stage, cinema or television in the past 12 months. Michael Fry's adaptation adds the framework of a bossy girl who stages a play about the bossy heroine. King's Head. Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Today, 3.30pm, 8pm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE WAR AND PEACE

Is it possible to pack Tolstoy's most majestic novel into four-odd hours on the National's equivalent of Shakespeare's wooden O? Hardly so. But with Shared Experience bringing its skills to the task, and giving its customary stimnations, the narrative whisks along. Watch especially for Richard Hope's rumpled Pierre wrestling with his Tolstovan conscience. Anne-Marie Duff's vital Natasha learning to distinguish man from man, and David Fielder's peppery Prince Bolkonsky giving several varieties of hell to his daughter, Helen Schles-

inger's sensitive Maria.
BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Cottesioe. National Theatre, South Bank, SEI (017)-620 0741). Tonight, 6.30pm.

The Lights New play by Howard Korder, author of the superbly tight Search and Destroy. Two women and a man journey through an urban purgatory. Ian Rickson production, with the audience Sloane Square, SWI (0171-730 1745). In preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens July 22.

Martin Guerre The tatest Boublil and Schonberg musical, set to follow the success of Les Mis and Miss Saigon. Declan Donnellan directs a cast led by Iain Glen and Juliette Caton in a tale based on the true 16th-century story of love, war and identity. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, WI (0171-447 5400). Tonight,

7.45pm; mat, 3pm. The Phoenician Women Katie Mitchell's engrossing production of Euripides from last year's Stratford season; highly praised playing by Lorraine Ashbourne and Lucy Whybrow (Jocasta and

Antigone). The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891), Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. In rep. The Red Balloon

Anthony Clark's skilful stage version of the classic 1950s French film. Already seen in Manchester, Bristol and Birmingham, it now comes floating into London. National. Olivier, South Bank, SEI (0171-928 2252). Previews from today. 3pm and 7pm.



London: Martin Guerre

■ REGIONAL

A Going Concern Stephen Jeffreys's enjoyable family drama, set in the workshops of a firm making bar billiards machines. The time is the 1960s and changes are afoot. Robin Herford directs. Stephen Joseph, Valley Bridge Parade (01723-370 541). Tonight,

DANCE LONDON

Blitz '96 Performance and workshop festival covering many styles of dance. Festival Hall Foyer and Ballroom Floor South Bank, SEI (0171-960 4242). Tomorrow, times vary: phone for details.

English National Ballet: Alice in Wonderland Adapted from Lewis Carroll with choreography by Derek Deane set to Tchaikovsky's music. London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-632 8300). Today 2.30pm and 7.30pm; £4-£35.

English National Ballet School: End of Year Performance Graduates perform new works by Christopher Hampson and Michel Rahn. Britten Theatre, Royal

College of Music, Prince Consort Road, SW7 (0171-602 7297). Tonight, 5.30pm; £10.

CRITIC'S CHOICE ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden's summer dance season features one of Kenneth MacMillan's most popular full-length ballets the sexy pothoiler Manon. Two ballerinas take on the role of the 18th-century courtesan brought down by her own avarice. At the matinee Sarah Wildor, one of the Royal Ballet's brightest hopes, dances Manon; this evening it is the turn of French ballerina Sylvie Guillem, who has made the role her own.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (0171-304 4000). Today. 2pm and 7pm.

Royal Ballet School: Folk Dance and Ballet Programme New works by Christopher Wheeldon and Jennifer Jackson, plus En Bateau by David Bintley and Ninette de Valois s The Rake's Progress. Holland Park Theatre Holland Park. Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-602 7856). Tonight,

COVENTRY Festival of Festivals Dance, music and drama performed by community дтопря. Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (01203-524 524). Tonight, for details.

■ REGIONAL

London: Sylvie Guillem

INVERNESS Fall of Bright Water Work inspired by Gavin Maxwell and the Highlands. Eden Court Theatre. Bishop's Road (01463-22) 718). Tonight, 8pm; £6.

MANCHESTER Lord of the Dance Michael Flatley's new Celtic dance extravaganza. Apollo Theatre, Ardwick Green (0161-242 2560). Tonight, 7.45pm; £14.50-£22.50.

BOOKS LONDON Writers' Workshop

Guidance for writers, with

special attention paid to the women's magazine market. Holborn Centre for Performing Arts. Three Cups Yard, Sandland Street, WC1 (0181-346 7487). Tomorrow. 10.30am-4.30pm; £20.

■ REGIONAL

GLASGOW Integration Readings of peems produced by the workshop participants. Centre for Contemporary

Sauchiehall Street (0141-332 7521). Tonight, 7.30pm:

YORK York Poetry Slam

Vote for the best work read during the evening in this poetry competition. Spotted Cow, Barbican Road (01757-707 886). Tomorrow, 7-30pm; £3.50. performers £2.

on the stage watching the Customs House. Last of Jane Austen's six action in the auditorium. Mill Dam (0191-454 1234). (0171-589 8212). Tonight, 6pm: Tonight, 7.30pm; £5-£10. novels to be dramatised for Royal Court, Ruth Gledhill is shocked by the interior of Heslington parish church Looking through a glass darkly

"We look for God there when actually

He is here," we heard later in the

sermon. "Yes here, and we may draw

near in faith with thanksgiving." The church was packed with bishops, some

in purple shirts and some disguised as

laity in collar and tie, as well as clergy

and genuine laity. Heslington is next door to York University, the stage for the



London, there is a theatre that resembles the worst kind of 1970s office building from the outside but once inside, it is a thespian's haven in traditional red-and-gold theatrical style. Heslington parish church is this

theatre seen through a glass darkly - it is the opposite way around. Its 19thcentury grey stone, stalwartly traditional in a neatly mown graveyard near the heart of an unspoilt typical Yorkshire village, invites the newcomer to think: This is just what I would expect from a country parish church." I had not been warned of a Seventies re-ordering, and thus it was a shock to be confronted by the exposed concrete ceiling, the plasterboard, the inhospitable flourescent lighting the "high-quality building blocks" that looked like breeze blocks but were said to be quite different, the pine-like pews that faced coldly north instead of east. I sat near a tiny chapel on the east side, the former chancel from Ronald Sims's original church, with its carved pews, golden eagle lectern and reredos shimmering with gold, the chapel sparkling behind the glass wall, shielding it from the rest of the church, a heartbreaking witness to what this church might once have been. Strangely, the lack of visual stimulation added impetus to concentration on

the word. Facing the building blocks enlivened only by the red splash of

modern wall hangings behind the non-

descript altar, our service began.

ARCHITECTURE: unbelievable. * would have chosen these," he admitted at the start. ***

MUSIC: choir made up of synod members sang like birds. ★★ LITURGY: the more traditional Rite B from the 1980 Atternative Service Book, with satistying "thee's" and "thou's". ***

summer meeting of the Church of England's General Synod. The synod is Britain's only legislative body outside Parliament, and in York the 500-plus members, some elected and others there by virtue of their place in the spiritual hierarchy, this time were discussing AT YOUR SERVICE

★ A five-star guide ★ VICAR: Canon Geoffrey Hunter SERMON: Bishop of Worcester attempted to make sense of Bible texts that sounded nonsensical when we heard them read. "If I had been choosing them I don't think!

SPIRITUAL HIGH: conciliatory. *** AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Synod members enjoyed splendid breakfast at a

York University hall of residence. ★★★★

complex issues such as how long church wardens should be allowed to serve, and whether hell existed or not. (They decided it didn't, or if it did it was closes to "nothingness" than the fire-and-brimstone pit of our imagination.) Psalm 39 at this service, two days after

the debate on hell, could have been written with all in mind. "I will keep a watch upon my ways, so that I do not offend with my tongue: I will keep a guard on my mouth while the wicked are in my sight," we heard. "I will put a muzzle on my mouth while the wicked are in my presence," we responded. "I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable," we heard. In the communion service that fol-

lowed morning prayer, the Bishop of Worcester, the Right Rev Philip Goodrich, preached and celebrated. He referred to the long-distant wars conducted by people with unpronounceable names in our readings. Today, there were uncertainties over the ozone layer and nuclear weapons. As were the ancient biblical warriors: "In the face of these many things which we may be helpless to control, we are told by God himself to trust him and stand firm," he said. As synod members prepared for the journey home, they should be "looking forward to entering the next century, looking forward to doing what lies before us with cheerfulness and sincerity of heart".

Members of the General Synod met for worship at St Paul's Parish Church, Heslington, York YOI 5EE (01904



CARDIFF Unforgettable Clarke (Five Guys Named Moe) Peters takes his tribute to Nat King Cole in an entertaining show. New Theatre. Park Place (01222-878 889). Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3pm.

SCARBOROUGH

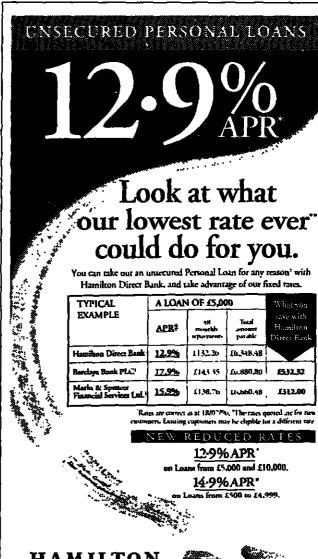
STRATFORD-UPONavon **Troilus and Cressida** Joseph Fiennes and Victoria Hamilton play the title roles in Ian Judge's production. Royal Shakespeare, Waterside (01789-295 623).

In preview today, lpm

DEBRA CRAINE 8pm, mat, 2.30pm; £17.

tomorrow, 6-9pm, mats, 10am-lpm and 2-5pm; phone **EPSOM**

New Choreographers Season: Programme 2 New dancemakers tonight are Amanda Banks and Nathaniel Reed. Eidotrope, the Hurly Burley Hoofers and the Barriedale Opera House. Epsom Playhouse. Ashley Avenue (01372-742 555). Today, 2.30pm; £10:



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Take a child to the zoo-FREE

Buy one adult ticket and a child goes free

The Times, in association with The Federation of Zoos, gives you the opportunity take a child free when you spend a fun day at the zoo.

There are 41 locations to choose from and you can save up to £6 on the cost of entry. You can take advantage of this offer any day from next Wednesday, July 24 until August 31, with the exception of Bank Holiday Monday, August 26.

Visiting a zoo today is an exciting experience for a child. At the Lakeland Wildlife Oasis, Cumbria, for instance, children can handle iguanas, drape snakes around their necks and even have giant, hairy Shelob, the tarantula spider, creeping across their hand as fruitbats fly around their heads. They can also scramble underneath the meerkats' sand pit enclosure to pop up, protected under a perspex dome, to meet the cheeky, inquisitive creatures face to face.

us) untouchable, at Edinburgh children can examine skins, skulls and bones on the touch tables. And at animals' knowledgeable keepers and 2pm every day the penguins there ply them with questions; listen to come out to stroll around the lawn amongst the visitors.

American alligator — safely behind a toughened glass screen — is one of the favourite attractions at Thrigby Hall, near Great Yarmouth. This is typical of the imaginative way in which today's zoos introduce children to wild and dangerous animals.

Leisure Park, Pembrokeshire, chil- many special experiences, is one not dren are allowed to help the keepers to be missed — locusts swarming Park, Hayle, near St Ives, so it is



Children can eyeball the American alligator at Thrigby Hall, Great Yarmouth

bottle feed young animals. They also learn how eggs hatch and watch the young birds emerge from their shells in an incubator.

Although just gazing at animals through fencing or glass is fascinat-Besides touching the (for some of ing. most zoos offer much, much more than that nowadays.

Children can enjoy talks by the exciting stories about animals; watch videos explaining all about animal-Nearly rubbing noses with an habits and habitats; join in teddy bears' picnics; find out about the mysterious and threatened world of rainforests; or weave their way through a Darwin maze where the famous naturalist's theory of evolution comes to life.

At Bristol Zoo there is a new inver-At the Manor House Wildlife and tebrate house where, among the

around you.

The Chestnut Centre, set in the hills of the Peak District National Park, houses Europe's largest collection of otters and owls, including Britain's only pair of giant otters. You can meander through historic wooded parkland to watch the otters and owls in their award-winning enclosures in near natural surround-

And, of course, there is the chance to adopt an animal, a popular partnership which gives joy as well as education to children for years and helps to support breeding programmes for endangered species.

All the zoos participating in our offer have facilities for picnics or a choice of restaurants, souvenir shops and children's play areas. They also to establish principles have special events such as the Kids of animal management Paradise Day on July 28 at Paradise and to enforce minimum stan-

worth calling to check what's on.

The Federation of Zoological Gardens of Great Britain and Ireland is a charity, established in 1966, which represents the interests of 60 zoological and wildlife collec-

Its members support work in the wild and raise money for field projects: in the last six years they have supported 69 programmes in 36 different countries. They carry out scientific research, particularly with endangered species, and scientificallymanaged breeding programmes.

Their conservation projects are not exclusively targeted at exotic species. Currently they are involved in recovery programmes for British species such as the red squirrel, otter, Scottish wildcat, sand lizard, field cricket and several species of moth.

All Federation zoos have some form of education programme which rely on the zoo's greatest asset the living animal. And the Federation has always been involved in animal welfare issues. One of its first aims was dards of care, welfare and safety.



BANHAM ZOO The Grove, Banham, Norfolk NRI6 2HE. Tel: 01953 887 773 Admission: Adults £5.95 Children £3.95 under 4s free

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Trail of treats across the high sierra



ou have walked all morning in 30-degree heat and you are nearing the end of a 2,000ft climb. Your water bottle is empty, your energy reserves low. Apart from your fellow walkers, the only sign of life is a flock of sheep on a distant hillside. You reach the crest and

shat do you see? A perfectly laid picnic table, with bread and wine and cheese and salad and a big basket of fruit. all neatly arranged on a redand-white check tablecloth.

A mirage? Merely a holiday feature provided by the Alternative Travel Group. The idea behind the group's "journeys" (guided walks along a continuous route) is simple: you do the walking and the group takes care of everything else. It's not walking for softies, exactly the walks, though optional, are tough enough - but it's certainly walking for those who appreciate their comforts. And it seems to be a winning formula. Of 12 people in my party, I was the only ATG "virgin". Richard, from Northumberland, was on his 13th trip in as many years: Mimi had flown over from Maryland for her fifth. Harold had completed ten journeys in three years and was taking the eleventh "courtesy of the company, a standard offer."

We had chosen the sierras of Rioja, in northern Spain. I was familiar with the Spanish periphery - Andalucia, Catalonia. Majorca — but had never spent much time in the Castilian heartland which aficionados describe as the true Spain. Besides, the word Rioja nad a certain wine-soaked

The name is slightly mistrip is in the province of La Rioja. We began in Covarrubias, known as the "cradle of Castile" for its role in the unification and reconquest of Spain from the Moors. The local hero, Fernan Gonzalez, was the first Count of Castile and is buried in the collegiate church, where coachloads of visitors arrive each day to pay homage. At night the walled



■ The Alternative Travel Group, 69-71 Banbury Road. Oxford 0X2 6PE (01865 513333) offers an 11day trip in September for £1,340, including flights, accommodation and all food and wine. There is a single supplement of £125.

A pair of sturdy, worn in walking boots is essential. It is also useful to take a small day pack for sun hat, sun cream, sunglasses, insect repellent. water bottle, binoculars and camera.

Shorts are fine for walking but long trousers and longsleeved, collared shirts provide better protection from sun and gorse. Be prepared for a downpour by carrying light

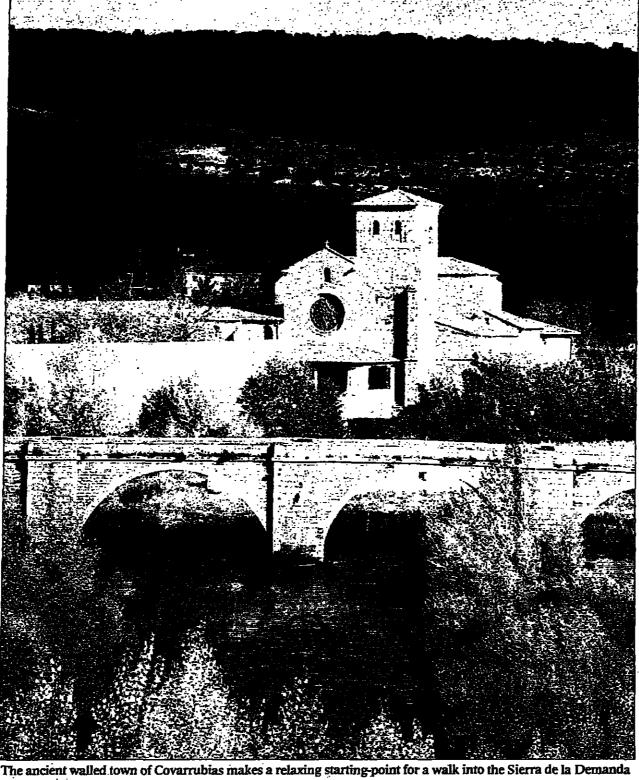
■ For the evenings, take smart casual clothes which do not need ironing. A jacket and tie is not necessary for men.

■ The area is sparsely covered in guidebooks but Spain: The Rough Guide (Rough Guides, £9.99) gives useful background on the country.

town takes on a new look as locals spill into the plazas of half-timbered, stilted houses to at tables in the evening sun. 1 could have stayed for days, but this was a journey and we had to move on.

Our first walk took us to Quintanilla de las Vinas. where we picnicked under an oak tree looking down over the patchwork of red earth and green fields that is the Spanish plain. The 7th-century Visigothic church here is one of the

(Black Widow Spider)



oldest in Spain, with its original horseshoe arch and stone carvings, including the earli-Christ, sandwiched between the sun and moon as a concession to paganism.

The next day we reached Santo Domingo de Silos, a small town of golden stone houses huddled around a monastery which hit the big time a couple of years back when its monks reached the pop charts with their recording of a Gregorian chant. We

walk, I dozed off to the sound

After a good night's sleep I returned to the church for Mass, then looked around the 10th-century cloisters. Sunlight threw shadows on the stone, a tall cypress tree shone through the arches, pigeons drank from a fountain ... the works of God and man in perfect harmony.

From here we climbed into the mountains, as scrubland

arrived just in time for ves-pers. Exhausted after a 15-mile dotted with wild peonies and violets gave way to cool forests dotted with wild peonies and of pine and birch. On foot you altitude leads to a subtle change in the landscape. High on a ridge we came across a farmer with a group of mares and foals. "What do you keep these for?" someone asked. "Para carne," for meat, he replied, putting several people

off their lunchtime chorizo. At Neila we walked above the snowline (even in June) on an Alpine ridge, looking down

over glacial lakes formed by melting winter snows. This is Spain's great outdoors, a natmountain refuges, home to walkers, cyclists and anglers. We dropped through oak and pine and flowering heather, gazing across at our next and biggest challenge: the Sierra

Now we were in La Rioja and the serious walking began. It took three days to cross the range, climbing to a pass each morning and drop-

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ping to a valley each night. The longest day's walk was 17 miles. But every day there was the picnic to locus our thoughts, and each night we arrived at a new hotel to find our luggage waiting in our rooms and a meal being prepared in the kitchen hearty Castilian stews with chickpeas, beans and sausages or roasts cooked for hours in a wood-burning oven.

And the wines... well, we vere in Rioja, after all. We drank the best that the region produces, and there seemed to be no limit. Like everything else, wine is included in the cost of the holiday so that the only money you need is small change for postcards, ice-creams and the occasional sherry. Menus and wine lists are worked out in advance. "The only decision you have to make on these trips, one veteran said, "is whether to

have coffee after dinner." A tour leader accompanies the walks, identifying birds and flowers and saving you the need to take a map. Meanwhile the tour manager drives ahead with the luggage and prepares the picnic. The young staff are sickeningly talented: they know their languages, their history, their wines and, when a guide in one church asked whether anyone could play the organ, it was our leader, old Etonian

ur final walk followed an old pilgrim trail between two monasteries. On the day we went it was deserted: when we found wild orchids and magnificent butterflies crossed our path, it occurred to me that if we had not come this way, no one would ever have known they were there.

Finally we reached San Millan de la Cogolla, a town which has grown up around the legend of the eponymous San Millán, a 6th-century shepherd who became a cave hermit and lived to the age of 101. We came to a clearing in the woods and looked down mountains meet the plain. There was the massive monastery, within whose walls we would spend the night in a huxury hotel; there were the vegetable gardens, tended by of brown houses and red roofs And there, behind us, were the

mountains we had crossed. The idea of the journey suddenly made sense. After eight days and 102 miles, we had arrived - and the champagne was waiting for us.

TONY KELLY ● The author was a guest of Alternative Travel Group.



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starting with an enjoyable late Sunday morning journey to Cordoba. The train consists of a mixture of carriages from the 1920s and 1930s, restored and coupled together in 1983. The style is long on marquetry, or-nate decoration and opu-

lence, with air condi-

aimed at those who would enjoy the Orient Express. The 13 carriages include restaurant cars, a saloon car, a bar car with electronic piano and dance floor, five sleeping carriages and two shower cars. It runs slowly and se renely through the delightful villages, hills and orchards of

tioning. The result: a trip

Andalucia and is most conducive to dozing. From time to time the train halts to give travellers time to explore. We spent half a day in Cordoba, centred on the old Jewish quarter and the remarkable building which is half mosque and half cathedral, and enjoyed a gargantuan lunch at the Restaurant Almudaina, a delightful 15thcentury Jewish building next

to the Medina. Overnight, the train halted at a village station outside Córdoba and we awoke next



The mosque at Cordoba, formerly the capital of Moorish Spain

morning to find ourselves on the way to Granada, for many the jewel of Andalucia. It was one of the treats of the year to visit the Alhambra Palace and the incomparable Generalife Gardens with only my train companions in attendance.

The modern town of Grana-

da is dire, an ugly splash of new concrete and lax planning. This makes the unexpecied sight of the beautiful old town, all white Moorish buildings and narrow alleys,

with the stunning backdrop of the Alhambra Palace, all the more astounding.

In each courtyard and garden there are fountains, so the sound of running water is always in the background, the water coming from the melted snows of the Sierra Nevada which in turn is the backdrop to Granada.

Next morning we set off for Ronda. Our solitary progress along a single-track line though unspoilt landscape.

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lage stations en route, called to mind what rail travel across the American midwest must have been like in the 1890s. We were taken into the countryside by bus for a huge lunch at the Finca La Bobadilla, half ranch and half country club.

Ronda, scene of the last great rising of the Moors against Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, has the oldest bullring in Spain, incorporating a museum. The town is built on the edge of cliffs which drop hundreds of feet to the swirling river below. It was from these cliffs that Franco's army threw 500 republicans into the river during the civil war.

Next day, a coach ride to Marbella had been laid on, but I chose to spend the day wandering around Ronda. Then it was on through the rain-

drenched fields back to Seville. Normally the rain would have been depressing, but our Spanish hosts were so delighted to see it after six years of drought that their enthusiasm was catching.
In Seville we watched a

heart-tugging flamenco show - no dancing I have seen has ever made me feel so good.

If you are a true connoisseur of Andalucia, a train may not be the best mode of travel. But this train certainly is a delight. and so are the people who run it. It isn't cheap but it is wonderfully comfortable and escapist for five days.

There was a mobile phone in the lounge car if you wanted to call home, but I never found anyone using it.

MICHAEL SISSONS ■ The author was a guest of Cox and Kings Travel.



TRAVEL

Golf: as the British Open swings into action, many club players' minds turn to blending holidays...

Lions among the birdies

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t more than 100F in the shade. the prospect of a round of golf at Elephant Hills Golf Club appealing. If any further disincentive was needed, the notice from the general manager warning of the presence of lions on the fairways, and disclaiming any responsibility for personal injury, provided an even better excuse for remaining in the cool of the 19th hole.

However, it was a beautiful day and the well-wooded, well-watered course lay before us. More importantly, the caddies, while conceding that they had seen the lions, seemed relaxed. So we drove off, neatly dividing the group of warthogs on the fairway. We rather regretted the absence of the great white hunter who had joined our game in the peaceful surroundings of the Royal Harare club a few days earlier. Without him, we would have to defend ourselves with, perhaps, a seven iron in the event of an attack.

Happily, the only threat came close to the water at the short 15th when my mishit nine-iron shot landed close to a sleeping crocodile. I was allowed a free drop. Apart from these hazards, the course is delightful and the company of the warthogs, impala and dozens of chattering baboons adds to the fun.

The 72-par course is attractively laid out, with wide fairways and some splendid trees — especially a huge baobob tree, estimated by locals to be between 500 and 1,000 years old.

Considering the heat, it is a relief that most of the holes are fairly flat. Helpful local rules include advice that warthog damage may be treated as Ground Under Repair" and, confusingly. Termites are not classed as burrowing animals". Overlooking the

■ MORE than 80,000 golfers are this year expected to cash in on the plunging cost of playing some of the world's finest courses, writes Harvey Elliott. So many new courses have been built that competition is fierce for their custom. Greg Olszowski, marketing manager of Longshott Golf Holidays, says that the Algarve remains the top seller, with Spain coming up fast.

There are also more women players this year. "Men's tours are being replaced by couples' and women's holidays with golf," he says. The boom is gathering pace so fast that Thomson is pleading with players to warn in advance that they will be bringing clubs so that the aircraft can be loaded correctly.

■ PRICES for golf breaks range from £299 for a three-day B&B stay in Spain to about £11,000 for a 30-day round-the-world tour taking in 15 different courses.

course is the Elephant Hills hotel, which has 270 bedrooms, decorated in traditional African style, tennis and quash courts and a bowling green. Smaller, with 72 bedrooms, is the

Victoria Falls Safari hotel in a lush country setting with wonderful views from every room. From the restaurant terrace you can see the nearby waterhole where elephants, lions and buffalo come to drink.

Victoria Falls is a must in the golfer's Zimbabwe itinerary. The falls are pleasantly uncommercialised, despite a large increase in visitors in recent years with the introduction of direct flights from South Africa.

The Victoria Falls hotel remains as elegant and imposing as ever and is being extensively refurbished. The walk from the beautiful gardens down the park to the Falls takes about 15 minutes and, if you go early, abundant wildlife can be seen and heard.

Harare, the capital, is well provided with excellent golf courses. I recom-mend Royal Harare (par 72, length 6.467 metres), Chapman Golf Club

(par 72, length 6.514 metres), both near the centre of the city, and the delightful Ruwa Country Club, which is about half an hour's drive from the others.

Royal Harare is a little grander than Chapman's but both are splendid ambassadorial residences. If you are held up by the players in front, it is pleasantly distracting to watch the shining Mercedes sweep through the gateways. Is this a hive of diplomatic activity, or is it the ambassador's wife's

turn to host the bridge party?

Both courses reflect the foresight of the original committees in planting a remarkable array of trees and shrubs: between late September and early October the jacaranda trees are in full bloom and the beautiful, purplish blossom is dazzling. The Zimbabwe Open alternates between each course.

Ruwa Country Club (par 72, 6.344 metres) is about 18 miles outside Harare on the way to the Eastern Highlands. The well designed course has a charming thatched clubhouse manned by an enthusiastic staff.

Harare is the point of arrival for

many visitors to Zimbabwe and, after a long flight, you can stay either at a city-centre hotel, such as Meikles, or at one of the lodges on the outskirts. The city hosts many conferences and has several international hotels. Meikles dates back to the First World War and has expanded a lot in recent years. It has four restaurants and seven bars and is in the middle of the main shopping centre, with a pleasant walk across the gardens to the cathedral.

Imba Matomob Lodge, which is about a 15-minute drive from Meikles, has extremely comfortable, individual lodges allowing total privacy for the guests. It is an ideal place to relax after a tiring journey, with its 25-metre long swimming pool, and a good base for local golfing and other activities.

Close to Ruwa Country Club is Landela Lodge which offers a choice of things to do apart from golf, including riding. It, too, has a swimming pool and pretty gardens.

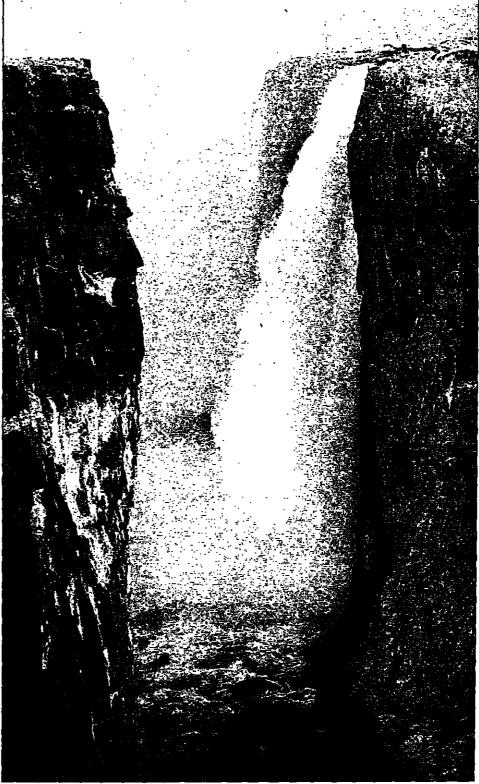
he last course we visited was at Leopard Rock, a four-hour drive from Harare on the Mozambique border. A su-perb course in the foothills of the Vumba Mountains (par 71, length 6,15) metres), it is part of the grounds of the Leopard Rock hotel.

As in other parts of the country, there are an amazing range of trees and wildlife here. The hotel has a list of 887 different birds in the area.

Some advice for all golfers in Zimbabwe: take advantage of the local custom followed by all the courses and have a break for refreshment after nine holes, and put a bottle or two of water in your golf bag.

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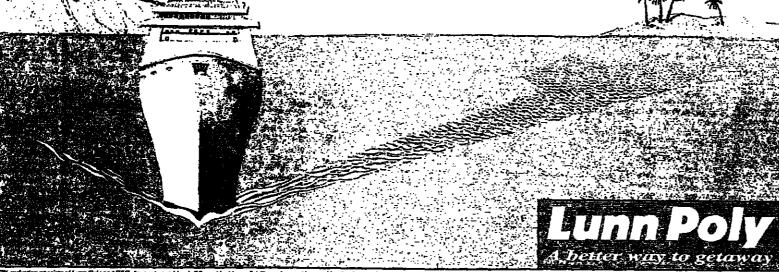
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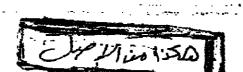




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In the 1990s Arizona has established itself as a leading player in the international golf league, with heavily watered and impeccably manicured courses hacked out of arid sand. The rough is cactus scrub, so wayward balls usually have to be dropped rather than played. Even searching for them can be perilous in the shadow of tee-side notices which read. "Beware of rantlesnakes".

The golf course at The Phoenician resort within the Phoenix city limits is the raison d'erre for a five-star complex dedicated to providing what is described as a positive golfing experience".

THIS MEANS that it is celebrity-led: Virginia Wade and Sir David Frost exchange pleasantries over the check-in procedure as a bellhop, garbed as a gaucho, tries to locate luggage lost during the valet parking.

Will it turn up before tee-off time? This is a vital question on a course that aspires to military precision. If your cart isn't in the line up by 12.07pm precisely, all is chaos.

Although the first ball was struck only in October, 1988. the pressure on The Phoenician par-71 championship course is already so great that a further nine holes are scheduled to open in November. The existing 18-hole course has a split personality, part manicured grassland, part desert. After a deceptively benevolent start, the water hazards kick in, culminating at the ninth with an artificial lake that guards the green so comprehensively that it must be crossed or the hole lost.

The second nine head into undulating terrain on the lower slopes of Carnelback Mountain. As is customary with desert golf, success demands traight shooting from the tees i balls are not to stray into rattler country. After groping among the cactus, it is almost a relief to find yourself back

PHOENIX

among the artificial lakes for the run up to the clubhouse. It is hard to imagine a more opulent back-up for a golfing holiday than The Phoenician. with its choice of cuisines. marble sunken bathrooms and fine public rooms. Those who like comparable luxury on a smaller scale may prefer The Boulders, 30 miles to the north. As the name suggests, this is rock country, rich in the dramatic rounded formations that characterise the Sonora

The Boulders has two 18hole golf courses unimaginatively named North and South, but designed to test the pinpoint accuracy and the patience of the golfer. Many of the holes are on the triple jump plan: tee to fairway, fairway to green, with unfor giving belts of cacrus scrub in between. The fairways are narrow and the greens well guarded by sand traps that make full use of unlimited local supplies. Breathtaking views create an added hazard: it can be difficult to keep your eye on the ball.

in the contemporary jargon, The Boulders is a "hideaway" resort with central public rooms for eating and lounging and individual casitas for sleeping. It claims to blend so well with the environment that the wildlife is unaware of its existence. I wonder if the coyote that wandered across the fairway in pursuit of our

MINTY CLINCH The author was a guest of Destination Golf.





IF PHOENIX is golf's future, Palm Springs is part of its history. For this, it must thank Bob Hope and his friends for luring Hollywood away from the fleshpots into the natural palm oases once inhabited by the Agua Caliente Indians. In former times, the Indians were peaceful hunter-gatherers based in an area where abundant hot springs made the desert bloom. In modern times, they have become fighters for tribal rights, with so much success that they are the

Today, the waters that attracted them to the area irrigate 100 courses in a golfmad city. Is your plane delayed? No worries, there's a putting green at the airport to while away the wait.

largest landowners in the city.

A ten-minute drive brings you to the Desert Princess Country Club, one among many emerald oases dedicated to the great god of golf. The view from the clubhouse is quintessential Palm Springs: verdant turf. orange-pink crags

PALM SPRINGS

reflected in still blue waters, tall trees motionless in clear air.

On La Vista, the longest of the Desert Princess's three nine-hole courses, the ball must fly straight and true from the first down the left-hand shore of a long ornamental lake if a disastrous start is to be avoided. By the second, the fairway is lined with houses, one of them owned by the two newly retired law enforcement officers from Pasadena who make up our four. "Not that one, I hope," I ask anxiously as my wayward tee-shot cracks down on a roof.

AS WE progress, the wind rises and increases until the fairways are lost in clouds of sand. This maelstrom is El Niño, the hot desert wind from Mexico that is California's answer to the Mistral. Within minutes the course is almost

deserted. With British bloody-mindedness, we play on, to be rewarded within the hour by an empty course restored to unruffled sunshine.

Los Lagos and its sisters, La Vista and El Cielo, can be played in combination to make up three par 72 championship courses, each more than 6,000 yards. And whichever route you happen to choose, you'll be lucky to avoid 21 strategically placed lakes.

For those with energy to spare after 27 holes, the 345-acre Doubletree Resort has a driving range, ten tennis courts, two swimming pools, two racquetball courts and a fitness centre. The Doubletree Hotel specialises in mid-range American comfort geared towards convention victims who see all-round competiton as part of the drive up the corporate ladder.

● The author was a guest of Virgin International Airways and Virgin Holidays.

FRANCE apparently occupies ninth position in the world rankings for the number of golfers per thousand of population. In Picardy, with its three departments of Aisne, Oise and Somme, this intelligence can be extrapolated to show that the region's 23 golf clubs have an average membership of about 270, which is less than half that of the

average club in Britain. In Britain, there are getting on for three million golfers, many of them milling around looking for somewhere to play while on holiday, and the Picardy Tourist Board has latched on to this.

The board suggests that the Brits take their cars to Dover, board a P&O ferry for the 75minute Channel crossing, take a leisurely lunch and then drive off down the A26 from Calais to the uncrowded courses of Picardy:

The roads are empty, the courses well away from the normal tourist areas, and there is plenty of room on them. At least there was when we were there. I have to admit

that our golfing break coincided with a period of excessively hot weather, and I had to break off after every nine holes or so like a beached whale. The heat could have been why the courses were so empty, but the local hoteliers say that, though they book tee times for their guests, this is un-

necessary on week days (Sundays are a different matter). The first course we played was Golf de L'Aillette, ten minutes from Laon. A round here costs Fr185 (about £23), or Fr240 (about £30) at weekends. The course is a sporting mixture of easy-going parkland holes, with occasional intrusions from a huge sailing lake, and precipitous hills with vertiginous greens. There is a good hotel on the spot, but beware of the mosquitos on warm nights.

Our second round was at Apremont, a Japanese-owned course between Senlis and Chantilly, where the green fees (about £40 on weekdays, E70 at weekends) reflect the luxury of the clubhouse, in particular the Japanese baths

PICARDY

"of unique Asiatic refinement". It came as no surprise to find an elevated ashtray beside each tee with cigarette ends stubbed neatly head down in the sand.

From the back tees Apremont is more than 7,000 yards, but there are four different tees for each hole that can make it up to almost a mile shorter.

Golfers .who prefer something less expensive (£21 and £30) should try the Amiens club, a straightforward course that we had to ourselves on a Monday morning. The main hazard here, as at Apremont, is probably the size of the greens, where one has to struggle not to do worse than three-putt.

Between the bays of the Somme and Authie lies the Marquenterre, 12 kilometres of wild dunes and



missed the Belle built to safeguard the natural habitat as well as to encour-Dune age tourism.
The fairways had club for

to be carefully sited to avoid creating the world' tunnels that could and sweep away a

whole dune overnight. A million hand-planted beach grasses were used to stabilise the fairways. The course insinuates itself

innocently enough through corridors of pine trees until suddenly one comes upon a vista of immense sand dunes. Because nature and not man has decreed the layout, it is sometimes a long way from the green to the next tee. But that is a small price to pay for the absence of artificial hazards and, above all, the peace of the place.

JOHN GRANT

● The author was a guest of Office in conjunction with P&O European Ferries and Vauxhall Motors.

EXACTLY 400 years ago the British sacked the port of Faro in the Algarve, only to be scared away by locals swinging sticks cave-man style

and establishing for Portugal the legend of the cacha-morreiros, or cudgel-wielders. Thankfully, the process has been amicably reversed. Of the Algarve's many invaders — Carthaginians, Phoenicians, Visigoths and Moors — it is the British, primarily, who now fly in to Faro bearing such cudgels as No 3 woods, 7 irons, wedges and putters.

In 30 years, the western Algarve has become an Eden of golf. Sir Richard Costain, the builder, saw in Vale do Lobo, 20 kilometres west of Faro, the possibilities of linking whitescrubbed villas set in groves of eucalyptus, pine, olive, almond and orange, with networks of soft green golfing fairways and greens. Vilamoura doubled golf with a marina, while the builders Trafalgar House and Bovis sought to give a Beverly Hills gloss to Quinta do Lago.

West of this, the air freshens, the Cape St Vincent beckons and golf accommodates development, rather than vice versa. Here Sir Henry Cotton, the three times Open champion, was the master pioneer. He created Penina from a paddyfield and primed it with 350,000 trees. Recently, the course was given a a £25 million pound update. The 190-room, five-star Le Meridien Penina hotel has had a £3 million refurbishment, including a teaching academy to sit with the Championship and two nine-

The heavy winter rains filled the reservoirs of the Monchique hills for the next two years, a blessing for nearby Palmares, Carvoeira, Alto and Parque da Floresta, These, with Penina,

PORTUGAL

make a nest of courses on the Lagos-Portimao axis, fine beaches abounding and good meals with wine costing under £10 a head. The golf here is as natural and diverse as Algarve chimneys. Palmares' outward nine holes sweep down to the silvery sands of Meia Praia before climbing back among the fig and olive trees. At

about £30 a game, Palmares is among the cheaper courses.

Cotton died before he had finished the Alto course but the ournalist Peter Dobereiner helped see it to a conclusion. Robert Bridge, its English pro, gladly hands a certificate to anyone who birdies the 604-metre loth, known as "The Giant".

WITH LONG experience of Quinta do Lago, Stuart Woodman directs the neighbouring Carvoeiro courses of Vale da Pinta, where the American designer Ronald Fream has retained many of the characteristics of an ancient olive grove; deep greens are protected by as many as 59 bunkers. The adjacent Quinta do Gramacho cunningly employs double tees and greens to extract

the end of Europe, Parque da Floresta teases and tests. About El million has been spent by the Vigia Group in re-ordering its layout over challenging natural contours. Greens have been resculpted and drainage improved for better lies and buggy routes. The 500-yard opening hole remains, skirting a chasm like a volcano crater. Earth tremors are not unknown hereabouts, but

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the more usual quaking is on the first tee.

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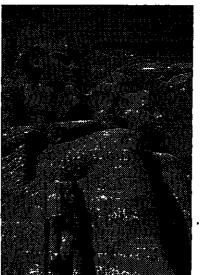
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King Tutankhamun. Lafer drive to Sequara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser and on to Memphis to see the sphinx and statue of Ramesses II.

Museum and St Sergius Church. Afternoon flight to Luxor and embark Royal Serenade. Moor overnight. DAY 5 On the Nile A leasurely day sasing to Schag. DAY 6 Sohag-Ballana This morning we will visit two Coplic monasteries. Firstly, the Red Monastery dating

DAY 7 Abydos and Dendera Drive through the fertile Nile Valley to Abydos, the most sacred site in Egypt to visit the temptes of Seti I and his son, Ramesses II, also see the Tablet of Abydos which lists 76 Egyptian Kings. In the afternoon, drive to the temple of Hathor at Dendera to see the decorated chapels and striking bas-reliefs of Queen Cleopatra. Sail to Quea for an evernight mooring.

DAY 10 Esna and Edfu Morning on the Nile. In the



enough to travel on one of the smaller vessels of the first class Thomas Cook Egypt fleet. With a party size of approximately forty travellers, the atmosphere on board is more akin to a private yacht. However, the best feature of such a small party is the speed and ease at which we can move around the sites and embark and disembark. On a larger vessel so much time can be wasted whilst hundreds of passengers queue to land, join a coach etc. In addition to our ten nights on the river,

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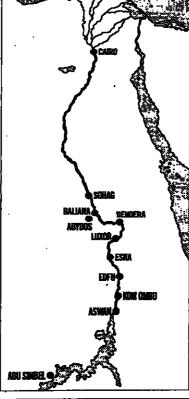
back to the fifth century and, later, the White Monastery.

Cruise the Nile to Baliana and moor overnight.

DAY B Luxor Morning on the river. Afternoon visit to the magnificent temples of Karnak and Luxor Moor

DAY 9 Luxer An early start this morning, crossing the Nile and driving through sugar plantations and and desert to the Necropolis of ancient Thebes. See the tombs of the Pharaohs in the Valley of the Kings, the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsul, the Valley of the Queens and the Colossi of Memnon. Afternoon at leisure, perhaps visiting the nearby Luxor Museum. This evening we will attend a sound and light show at the temple of Karnak.

afternoom take a stroll through Esna and visit the temple of Khnum. Sail on to Editu for an overnight mooring.



horse and carriage to the temple of Horus, the best preserved and most complete of all Egyptian temples. Later cruise to Kom Ombo and visit the striking

DAY 12 Aswan Visit the Aswan High Darn - the largest rock-filled darn in the world and continue to the reconstructed temple of Philae. In the afternoon we will sall across the Nile by felucca to Kritchener island. This was once the General's property, but now a botanic garden with a marvelious collection of

DAY 13 Abu Simbel Early morning flight to Abu Simbel to see the reconstructed rock-hewn temple of Ramesses DAY 14 Assess-Cairo Morning fight to Cairo for an overnight stay at the Hotel Semirarnis Inter-Continental. Attempoon at lessure, perhaps making a semirarnis for the Continental. Attempor at lesure, perhaps making a visit to the Islamic Museum which houses one of the richest collections of Islamic art in the world, alternatively haggle away a few hours in the Khan el-Khalil Bazaar. DAY 15 Cairo-London (Heathrow) with Egyptair.

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Turkey: sunburn, sage tea and the shock of the nude in a country where rambling is regarded as madness

Why do only fools and hikers walk?

The stallholder's card read: "Turkish Delboy — Turkish Delight, lovely jubbly. Fethiye market in southwest Turkey, with its trays of fresh spices, exotic fruit and vegetables and little mills for grinding coffee was a long way from the Peckham stamping-ground of Del Trotter. But the owner of the card evidently felt he had struck a chord. "I have Reliant Robin," he added.

I retreated as he proffered a free glass of apple tea and pointed to the bottom of his business card, which claimed: As seen on the Holiday Programme".

Later I was to learn that offering tea is normal practice in hospitable Turkey and does not oblige anybody to buy anything. But on my first day I was still on my guard, having read too many holiday guides warning about harassment by Turkish men. In fact, one look at the skimpy bikinis and shorts on sale in Fethiye's shops would have confirmed how much more relaxed (or resigned) Turks in tourist areas have become towards Western fashions.

Fethiye, where the Aegean turns into the Mediterranean. is a sprawling market town with a wide bay, ringed by tree-covered mountains stretching back into what was once the ancient kingdom of Lycia. In 1957, almost the whole town was razed by an earthquake and most of it has been rebuilt with pleasing, low-rise white buildings with red roofs. Flowers and vines grow profusely, trained over balconies.

One of the best views of Fethiye is from the Lycian tombs cut into the rocks above the town. It is worth a short but steep climb in the heat to stand in the shadow of the



A Lycian sarcophagus bisects a street in Fethiye

tomb and take in the sweep of the bay, with its fishing boats moving across a startlingly turquoise sea.
Our first view of the town

was, however, from a path

high up in the mountains leading from Ocakkoy, a vil-lage of carefully restored holiday cottages complete with pool, restaurant and bars, where we were based for a week's walking. Our group of 13 had met for the first time the previous evening and were cautiously breaking the ice as we started our first walk (an easy one to break our legs in). The path was narrow, rocky and crumbling in places, and we fell into single file as it wound into the hills. Even at 10am the sun was bot, and we were grateful for our sunhats and sun-cream. Our skins vere starting to redden as, after an bour, we stopped for a snack of dried fruit.

People swapped stories of walks they had done in Britain while absorbing the view of high, hazy-blue mountains

and blue flowers. For a while we were forced to adopt the pace of a herd of goats which emerged from the trees. Animals in this part of Turkey are impressively free-range with cows, goats and chickens allowed to roam at will along rough tracks, often supervised by small children equipped with nothing more commanding than a pair of tin cans.

Despite the heat (in May still nowhere near its fiercest), walking is often the most practical way to reach the remotest areas, the best beaches and the most spectacular views. We walked up steep cliff paths, high above white beaches and sea so blue that it was almost a disappointment to swim in it later and find it was colourless. We walked away from the

sea into the mountains, down through craggy pine forests with the flat, brown-and-green natchwork of the Xanthos valley opening out before us, and picnicked in an olive grove. Paths led through



The magnificent lagoon at Olu Deniz, a favourite with brochure photographers and parties of hot, footsore walkers

corn laced with poppies and rich, red fields of tobacco and

Anything approaching an Ordnance Survey map is un-

plotting and mapping of mountain paths was opposed by the military authorities until recently. Now walking is becoming popular but ers of civilisation scarcely exist, and losing your way can mean an uncomfortable night on the mountainside. Fortunately we were led by an experienced guide. Shirley our picnic lunch in mountain Subasi who, with her righthand man, Cengiz, had worked out the best routes by walking them and asking advice from local people. This advantage engendered slight feelings of Schadenfreude on

ne unfortunate group who had just climbed the same steep, rocky path as us to reach the remote Kozagac district discovered they faced a three-hour walk to the beach at Olu Deniz, One of the group was wearing nothing stouter than a pair of wedge-hecled sandals. Throughout the rest of the holiday, one or other of the group would say musingly: "1 wonder if those people ever made it back?"

the rare occasions that we met

We had two not-so-secret weapons. One was a white minibus which crawled up and down the mountain tracks permanently in second gear. It carried our packed lunches, spare clothes and any of the party who had temporarily lost their energy. Hassan, its driver, always succeeded in meeting us exactly on time at whichever secluded beach, lagoon or canal Shirley had selected for our picnic.

was Shirley herself, an Enlishwoman who spoke fluent Turkish and seemed to know everyone in the remotest villages. Some villagers found it anyone would want to walk for pleasure rather than from necessity. But they were sympathetic. "Haven't you got a car?" one asked Through Shirley, we were invited to eat

ways with offers of sage tea and an offer of the best seats.

Traditions die hard in such places, where the headscarf is women and a father's main duty is to see his daughters married off with a dowry. But the modern world intrudes. Many of the villages are populated mainly by older people, and there are fears that

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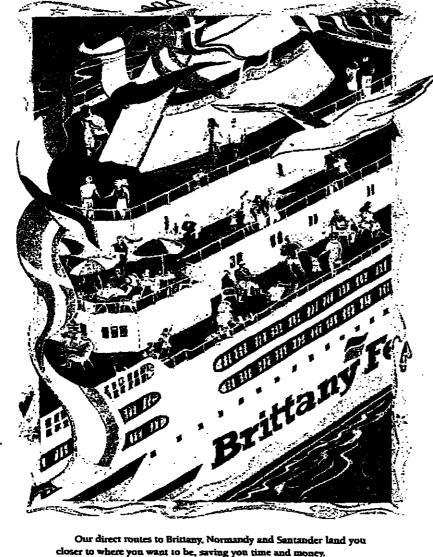
the villages will die as children leave to find jobs or to attend secondary school. Recently the government has attempted to keep people in villages by supplying running water and electricity, so they can continue to lead self-sufficient lives on the land.

After a week of seeing Turkish modesty in action in the villages (several of our party who were wearing shorts tied sarongs around their legs to make sure they did not offend at lunch), the Turkish bath in Fethiye came as a shock. The bath for tourists was mixed - and nude. The only thing protecting our modesty was a cotton wrap, which quickly became sodden and left little to the imagination. Male masseurs were on hand to scrub and soap and massage, a sight that & , was greeted with girlish' squeals from the more retiring of our group. Two hours later. we agreed we would not have missed the experience for anycommented wryly: "We know each other pretty well after

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Britain: England's most thrilling public transport experience, a line speared through the Pennines

Folly that saw off the railway philistines

eeds must be the most ferro-centric city in Britain, if that's the mot juste for places big in railways. They don't let the grass grow between the lines here. It bustles as Crewe once did, the hub of a resusci-tated railway system, busily shuttling trains to all points.

People with a day on their hands who care to run a questing finger down the departures board, serendipitously seeking a destination, need progress no further through the alphabet than "C". Go to Carlisle via Settle.

The following judgment transcends mere rail buffery. By any objective assessment this ntust be the

most thrilling public transport expe-Truly, the rience in England. the daftest, most service heroic achievement of the Victorian deserves railway barons, a line driven through Orient desolate mires and howling moors. **Express** and speared through the sinew treatment of the Pennines. Perhaps overawed

the Wordsworthian stature of his subject. the publicity department's poet falls back on doggerel for the station posters to speed you on your way - "You'll travel with a smile on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle".

It took 40 minutes for our nifty two-coach Super Sprinter, comfy high-backed seats, to snake through the once grimy valleys, now shoulder to shoulder with smart new industrial "units", to base camp at Settle

in the Yorkshire Dales. Here the train pauses as though to take stock of the endeavour ahead, while latecorners puff over the red lattice belief the men of the Oyster Club, who met in the Golden Lion at Settle "to eat ovsters and discuss the news of the day", must have greeted the Midland Railway's foolhardy

oroposal. There were two perfectly good lines to the north in 1870, but the recklessly competitive Midland would insist on a third. The only alignment left was up the spine of England, the 77 miles from Settle to

Carlisle. It was a project to test the hardiest navvy, shivering in his sad little shanty town of Inkerman or Jericho or Salt Lake — 22 viaducts, 14 tunnels,

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We set off from Settle up the bane of the steam-engine fire-

man, the Long Drag, 14 miles of unrelenting grind into the clouds. Even our sprightly growl with the effort. For a time homely Yorkshire values prevailed ---"Tea room 50 yards on the left" sirened a notice on an adjoining road. But slowly the abundant fields with

way to raw moorland. The climb unfinished. I alighted at Ribblehead station to inspect the viaduct, now fully repaired after a dozen funding bodies chipped in with grants. A path worn wide by steam train photographers leads from the Station Inn to the central arch. Bloated globules of water shuddered down from a vast height. A genuinely moving plaque commemorating the repairs depicts 1870s

their serpentine rivers give

navvy greeting 1990s engineer. I took the next train up to the summit. Dent, at 1,150ft the highest station in England. gloom even on an early spring morning. A lonely road wound into the glowering fells. I imagined the carts waiting at dusk ready to sweep heroines off to remote cottages.

On under great peaks lashed with waterfalls, slashed through tunnels necklaced with bayonets of ice, past stern grey rock faces. The petrified ribs of old snow screens recalled past Ice Ages. In 1947 a train was trapped up to its



The Smardale viaduct near Kirkby Stephen, one of many on the Settle-Carlisle line in Cumbria, part of the daftest, most heroic achievement of the Victorian railway barons

chimney for weeks. Here every type of snow is wrong. In extremis the operator switches to the "winter weather timetable", displayed in emergency red tape on every platform.

arsdale station has maintenance cals recognise it as they might the crumbling of their parish church, with a fund - an old milk chum, evidently not Regional Railways issue, awaits donations. Hereabouts, the route is that rural cliché, the lifeline. This routine mid-week service was more than half full, the passenger list evenly divided between tourists and ruddycheeked country types. The farmer next to me was taking a professional interest in his neighbours' holdings, every field a cameo of seasonal

mony of their rumps. Wherever you stand on privatisation, you have to admit that BR was not the most caring parent to this line. If ever there were a service to be given the Orient Express treatment, it was this. Such is the delicate state of the fast-eroding Yorkshire Dales National Park - I quote the park authority's notices - that

there is a case for banning all

ewes colour-coded as to patri-

promise, flocks

outside visitors unless they come in a train, and stay in it. Whoever lands the Regional Railways (North East) Franchise would be mad not to timetable regular Pullman trains, serving fine foods. And meet the huge demand for

the steam services they see are enthusiasts' specials. The Pennines conquered, we drift down through the ample Cumbrian foothills, through stations with stout Viking names like Langwathy and Lazonby and on into Carlisle. The men of the Oyster Club are long gone; the Midland Railways' folly survives, with five trains a day each way.

steam trains. Notices remind

Gareth Huw DAVIES

• The author was a guest of or 010482 326033) and the Crown Hotel at Wetherall, four miles east of Carlisle, where a package through Superbreak (01901-679999) costs £65 a

WORD-WATCHING

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(b) A kind of sheep (Ovis vignei) found in Ládák (Kashmir) and Tibet. Also shapu, shappo, and shortened sha. From the Tibetan shapho wild sheep. "The Oorial and the Shapoo are bearded Sheep. The Shapoo is brownish-grey, white below, with a short brown beard."

(b) An eponym from the surname of John Astbury (1688-1743), used (esp. attributively) to designate a type of Staffordshire pottery. "A two-handled loving-cup with design in white relief on a red body, the whole glazed with a yellow lead glaze, was sold under the designation of

(b) In South America a building given to the use of labourers on a farm. The local name. "My father went to the galpon, the big barnlike building used for storing wood.

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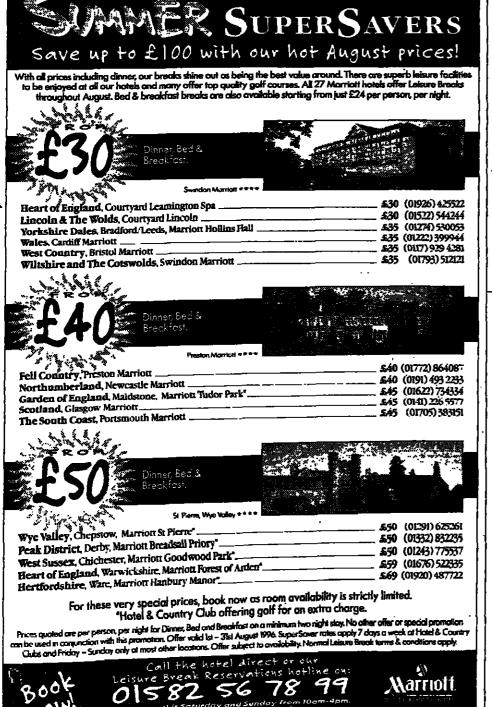
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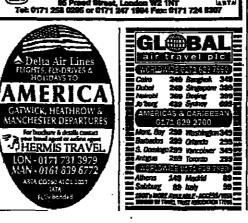
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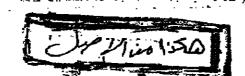
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walking tours of Paris conducted by English guides who try to go beyond the obvious. Two main companies provide such walks. lasting around two hours: Paris Walking Tours and Paris Contact Guided Walks.

For those jaded by traditional tourist-packed sites, there are such obscurities as a tour of Hemingway's Paris, taking in favourite hotels and drinking dens around the Moufferard district of the Latin Quarter, a patch also favoured by Orwell. Joyce and Balzac.

The "In Jefferson's Footsteps" tour starts at Concorde and follows Jefferson's time as American ambassador to

France in the 18th century. Sites visited include the grand mansions where he partied and debated and, rather curiously. his daughter's

As a test I decided to try the St Germain des Près Village tour, since it was on my doorstep and the streets were familiar. With the

guide. Jill Daneels of Paris Contact, I discovered secret countyards and plaques which I had missed when walking by, and doors which opened at the press of a buzzer, allowing anyone to peek inside.

The walk begins in the church of St Germain des Prés, once an abbey which covered the entire area between Rue St Benoit and Rue Jacob, parts of which date back to AD 542. The main church was consecrated in the 12th century, when it still had a wooden roof. Inside, the original architecture was painted in the 19th century by Hippolyte Flandrin to give what we would now describe as a Jocasta Innes look faded red, blue and grey-green designs painted on the pillars

and ceilings. abbey was used to store explosives and two of its towers blown up. The revolutionaries also executed the 316 monks remaining on the nremises in what is now a garden Descartes is buried here — but the guide neglected to mention the intriguing fact that his head was stolen from his original burial place in Stockholm and travelled wide-

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body in St Germain. Indeed, my only complaint about the walk was that, although it was line on proper history, it lacked a little in scurrilous gossip through the ages. For instance, walking

down Rue Mazarine, I am sure tourists would have enjoyed being shown the apartment where former President Minerrand and his lover, Anne Pingeot, had secret trysts, eventually producing their illegitimate daughter, Mazarine.

The walk also covered the Cafe Flore, Les Deux Magots and the Brasserie Lipp and their one-time customers, from surrealists to Sartre, Trotsky to Chou en Lai.

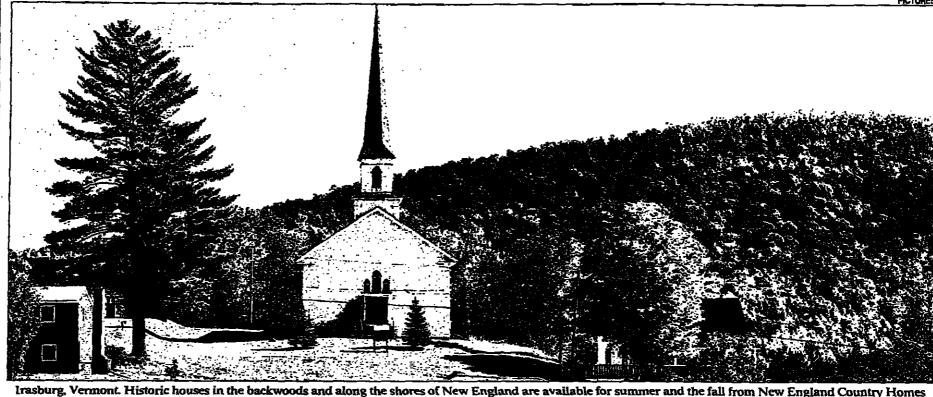
Still following the old abbey walls, we went to the Delacroix museum in his old studio off the Place de Furstenburg, passing the apartment where Richard Wagner lived for a year. the hotel where Oscar Wilde died exile. the scruffy house in

Paris's narrowest

street where Racine died, and George Sand's house. "She was famous for wearing trousers," the guide told the Americans, which was a fairly limited summary of

own the Passage St André de Commerce, filled with little shops and cafés, there were two good finds. Above the houses pokes one of the remaining towers of





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Dinner party

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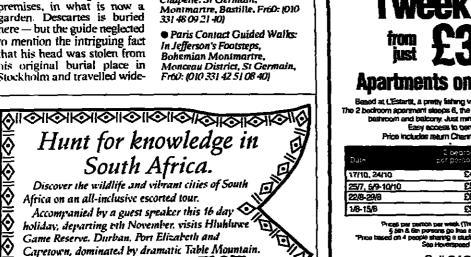
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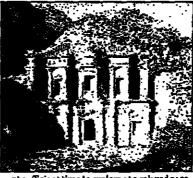
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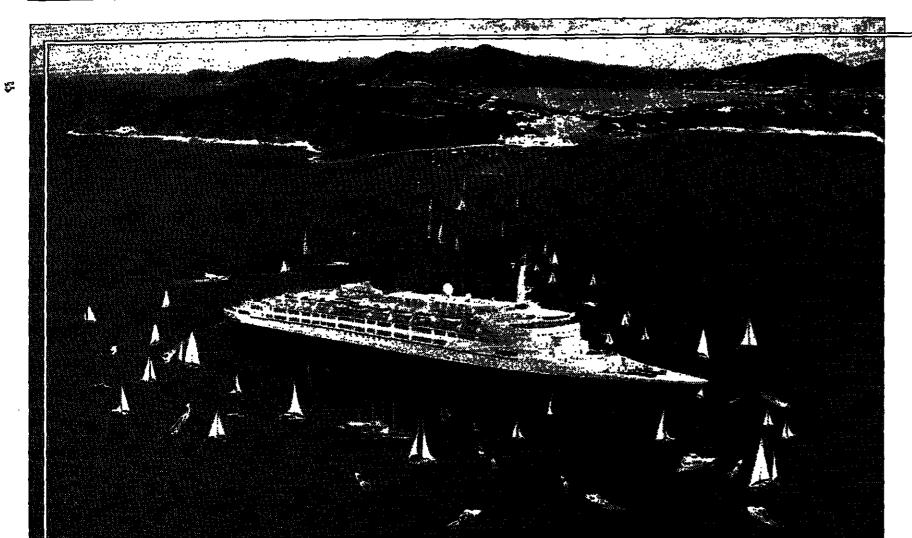


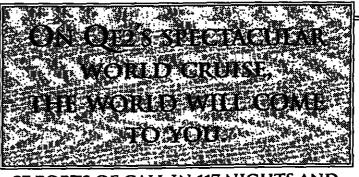
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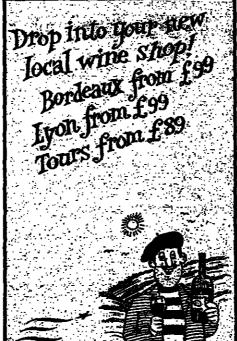
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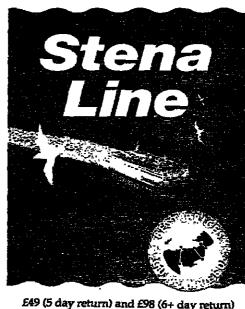
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WEEKEND SATURDAY JULY 20 1996

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by Raymond Keene

ANATOLY KARPOV has justified his position as favourite with a convincing win against Gata Kamsky in the 1.1 million dollar FIDE (World Chess Federation) World Championship match, It was a fascinating contest in which virtually every game was fought to the bitter end. It was particularly noticeable that, even when his match situation appeared hopeless. Karnsky never gave up hope. Just two games before the end Kamsky even scored an elegant win in a line in which Karpov is the acknowledged world expert. Here is Kamsky's swansong in the match.

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W: Kamsky, B: Anatoly Karpov FIDE World Championship Elista, Game 16, July 1996 Queen's Indian Defence

Most players prefer 4 . . . Bb7 in this position, the natural square for the bishop. The more aggressive text. hitting out at White's pawn on c4, was introduced by Nimzowitsch in the 1920s.

5 b3 Bb4+ 6 Bd2 Be7 7 Bg2 c8 8 Bc3 d5 9 Ne5 Md7 10 Nxd7 Nxd7 11 Nd2 0-0 12 0-0 Rc8

Karpov is perhaps the supreme virtuoso in the Queen's Indian and is appy to play this variation with cither colour. For example, the position after White's 12th move was also reached in games 3 and 13 of this match, with Karpov White and Karnsky Black. In both cases Kamsky chose the less direct 12 . . . Rb8.

13 e4 c5 14 exd5 exd5 43 Re2 45 Ne4 cither colour. For example, the pos-ition after White's 12th move was also reached in games 3 and 13 of

c5 14 exd5 exd5 dxc4 16 c6 cxb3 Bb5 18 axb3 Bxc6 Rxc6 20 Rxa7

An important moment. This position is still known to theory and Black cannot now play 20 . . . Rxc3 on account of the finesse 21 Nbl Rc7 22 Rxc7 Qxc7 23 Rxe7, when White exerts serious pressure on black's position. Alternatively, 20... Nfb also fails to relieve White's pressure, after 21 Qf3 Qd5 22 Rexe7 Qxf3 23 Nxf3 Rxc3 24 Ng5, as in the game Karpov-Korchnoi, Tilburg 1991.

20... Bf6 21 Nc4 Bxc3. Up to this moment the game was still following another precedent set by Karpov, namely Karpov-Beliavsky,

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Zaitsev Mikhalcisin. USSR 1984. The white knight and bishop have

penetrated deep into the heart of

Cack's king position and they

now combined to force a quick

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Last week's solution: 1 ... RhI+

checkmate. But how?

Saturday.

Linarex 1993 which had gone 21. Nc5 22 Qxd8 Rxd8 23 Bxf6 Rxf6 24 b4 with a slight advantage which Karpov converted to a win. In all these variations the power of White's rook established on the seventh rank is manifest. In this heavily analysed line it later transpired that 23 . gxf6! 24 Ree7 Nxb3 should draw for Black. It is, therefore, somewhat surprising that Karpov did not try this.

22 Rxd7 Qf6 23 Re4 Qf5. Here 23
... Reb 24 Rf4 Qgb 25 Rdxf7 Qxd7 26
Rxd7 Rxd7 27 Qd8+ Rf8 28 Qd5 Rf6
29 Nd6 wins for White, as in the
game Chernin-Weingold, Seville The common theme of White's attack is the vulnerability of the black pawn on f7. If Karpov's 23rd move was designed as an improvement, he was sadly mis-taken. 24 Rf4 Qe6.

After the game, Karpov some-what ruefully admitted that he had reached this position in pre-game analysis with his second. Epishin, and concluded that Black could equalise. However, White has a terrible shock in store,

25 Rdxf7. Suddenly the truth dawns. After 25 . . . Rx17 26 Od8+ Rf8 White has a choice of mates. White, therefore, stays a pawn up with a dominating position.

Re8 26 Qt3 Bt6
h6 28 Kg2 Kh8
Kg8 30 Kh2 Kh8
Rd8 32 Rt7 Bd4
Rxf8 34 Rt78 + Kh7
Bc5 36 Rt5 Rc8
Rd8 38 Re5 Qd7
Kh8 40 Kg2 Rt8
Rd8 42 Qt3 Bd4
b5 44 Nd2 Bb6
Qd1 46 Nt2 27 Rb7

A charming trap. If now 46... Bxi2 47 Re8+ Rxe8 (if 47... Kh7, 48 Qe4+) 48 Qxd1 winning Black's

Black resigns. In time trouble, Karpov's de-

fences have disintegrated, and now he has no defence to the dual threats of Nxd8 and Ne7+ with decisive gain of material in both

With Karpov winning games 1, 4, 6,7, 9 and 14, and Kamsky winning games 2, 10 and 16, the final score was Karpov 10½, Kamsky 7½.

Last week's winners: Stevens, St

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Oldham, Lancashire; A Hall,

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By Philip Howard

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a. A hat b. A sort of pot c. To play truant GALPON

a. An Andean pony b. A shed c. The plum-cherry cross BUNCO

a. A cowboy's bed b. A swindle c. To depart

Answers on page 23 is threatening to win the king of

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

CONSIDER these two positions: 863 KJ54

863 K754

In each case you are East, with dummy on your right. Your partner leads the ten, against a suit contract. The declarer is known to be reasonably strong. Which card

do you play? The correct play, and associated inferences, were critical to the defence of this hand from the quarter finals of this year's Hubert Phillips Cup (the national mixed teams event). Now move over to the West seat; this is the auction, with South the dealer:

You lead the ten of spades and this is what you can see:

¥082 +K6 +KQJ104 N +Q109 W E **♦**AJ97 S

Contract: Four Hearts by South Lead: the ten of spades

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Your partner plays the king of spades on your ten and declarer wins with the ace. He cashes the ace of clubs, on which your partner plays the seven, and continues with a low diamond towards the king. How do you defend? You can see the danger: declarer

would have crossed to dummy in hearts). But should West play his partner for the jack of spades and king and jack of hearts, or for the ace of hearts? The clue to that is the first

diamonds and discard his spade

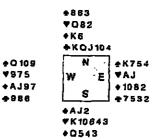
losers on clubs. So West should rise

with the ace of diamonds. What

now? He knows declarer does not

have ace and king of hearts (else he

question I asked above: with K J 5 4 of spades. East could safely play the five on the ten of spades — he knows his partner will not have underled an ace. So the play of the king means East cannot have the jack of spades, and thus West should find the winning defence of playing a heart. East wins and returns a spade. The full deal:



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At the table West was not given a chance to find this defence, as East fell at the first hurdle by playing low on the ten of spades. Now Four Hearts was an easy make, with the king of diamonds providing entry to the clubs. East should have played the king of spades on the ten. The ten can be from O109, and if it is not, then declarer has the AQJ and East's king is doomed

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

ONE OF THE classiest racing games around is The Need for Speed, from Electronic Arts, which is now available for the Sega Saturn. Cross the old Sega Mega Drive classic Virtua Racing with Sony PlayStation's Destruction Derby and you should get an inkling of the fun to be had.

Taking your place behind the wheel of one of eight glistening dream machines, from a Mazda to a Ferrari, players crunch their way through the gears to hit the open road screaming. Often the road is rather cluttered, with other traffic to be avoided during the race; regular pile-ups seem inevitable. Players race over a variety of courses - coastal, alpine and desert - in different weather conditions. Races can last a mere two laps or turn into marathons requiring stamina and endurance. Another option is the time of day the race starts — midday action guarantees good light and, therefore, excellent visibility, but the fading light of evening racing adds treachery to the task and is certainly not for the faint-hearted.

Players can take on computer opponents but it is a better twoplayer game, the best fun to be had with human players battling it out head-to-head on split-screen. Not only is The Need For Speed engrossing and exhilarating but also probably the only chance you'll get to take such sleek sports cars for a

In contrast, Speed Haste is also from Electronic Arts but much less exciting. On PC CD-Rom, this promises racing in either Formula 1 or Stock Car events, with a choice of manual and automatic models and eight courses. For Electronic Arts to have named this game Speed Haste is unfortunate since the thrills barely dribble out. What sense of speed there is to be found only comes at the expense of down-grading graphic detail. The cars drive along well enough and the but the overall feel is disappointing.

Ordinarily the call to "start your engines" should add something to the atmosphere of a racing game. But here it is delivered by what sounds like some terribly English clot shouting into an empty tin can - unlike the real thing, this is racing on a shoestring.

Of course, it would be reckless to



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engine sounds are fairly satisfying put a child behind the wheel of any sports car — but if you want to capture their attention you could try trucks instead. Amazing Truckology, from Maris on PC CD-Rom, is aimed at users aged seven and over and should appeal to most young boys with lorries, large moving machines and any-thing else vaguely resembling Ton-

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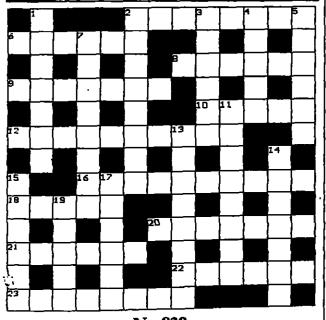
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rising anger (7) Frank, hatless, recording square dances (8)

by end of race (6) Originally protecting Auckland hilltop? (3)

Here be hags, pray, upsetting Back of gallery approves laughter (4) Centre of dying cell is

They start early, playing Haydn at half measure (5) Pajamas ripped with anger

Feeding cod-fish swallows one child (8) Seraglio, where bird is in hock (6)

ACROSS Open talk increases on mountain-top (7) Thrashing indigent heartlessly (6)

14 Trees partly indicate a stream

gets fish (5) you hear (4) Homosexual German gets

Kind of gas to cause pain in burst ears (4) Academician's zip is gone (3) Last of bolt sewed up into rough garments (6)

23 Scatter diamonds — piles dispersed (6) 28

A record in steeple climbing 32 33 Has the power in US to fire depth charge (3)

Aired again some rarer animations (5) 37 38 love (4)

39 rubber (7) 40 Cutting out of breast regenerated goddess (6) Cold stare following one's 41 dance: the end of Sabre! (7) runs away (5) Hang its consequences when drunk? (7) Heavenly radiator from boat

wife replaced with second (6) An upright girl? (6) Set tree-trunk as crossplece in scaffolding (6) Ethnic music leads to koto wailing with highest pitch (5)

lawman? (6) Refuse container has rough point righted (6) Accuse count who's cared for heraldic device (6)

Descriptive of big power in Government House (3) Candles in square arrangements (6)

lead would become drunker Light rifles, one hears, seen in Alpinist's hand? (6)

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Courthouse hack seethes with

Jock's stitch could be worse

breaking down: thus? (9)

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Fabulous beast, one safeguarding the door (4)

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affirmation (3)

Extra took too much heroin? Jock's cry - it starts game bird (4)

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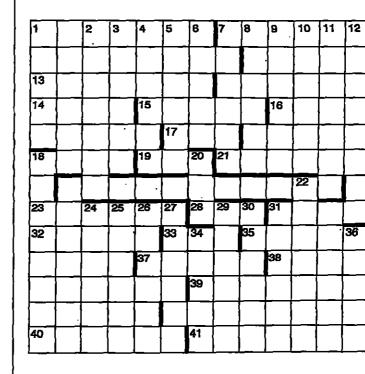
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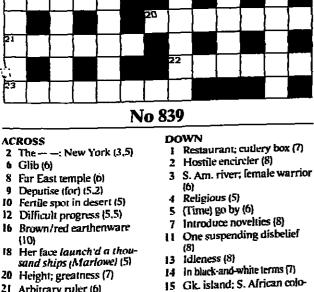
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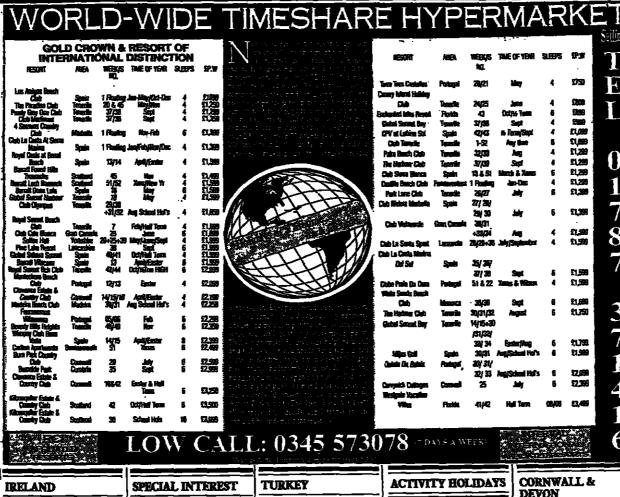
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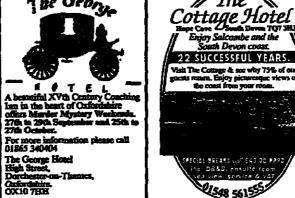
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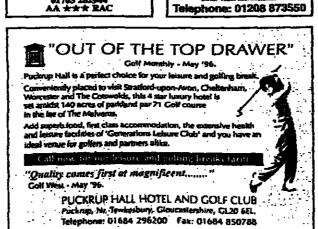
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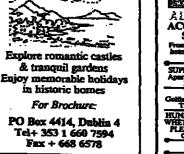
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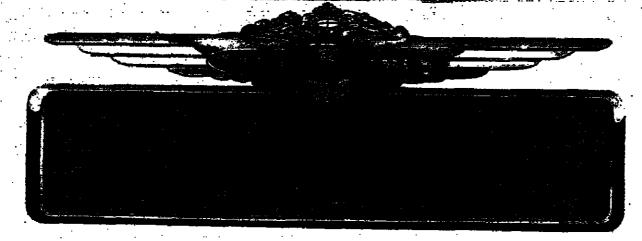




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Drivers who put their egos on a plate

Kevin Eason marvels at the mania for

personal plates and the prices they bring

Trucks packed with mopeds run an un-likely money trail from Birmingham to Northern Ireland. They set out regularly to Coleraine with two-wheelers but return with number plates that could be worth £2,000 to drivers eager to join motoring's biggest fash-

Personalised number plates are the billboards that shout out the personality of a driver in an age when every car looks as though it has come from the same jelly mould.

Once motorists would have decorated their cars with furry dice and go-faster stripes to make them stand out from the crowd; now they buy a combination of numbers and letters that may simply bear their initials or be composed of some bizarre word-play.

Next month more than 475,000 motorists who want the world to know that they have a new car are likely to buy one with the new Pregistration plates. But the driver who hasn't a new car can still make a statement with a personal number, either wacky or bizarre.

Why they want one, nobody knows or even cares — espe cially the Government, which relaxed the rules on registrations to release a flood of new number plates onto the mar et six years ago.

ompared with the ef-British Rail or the nuclear industry, it is the easiest money the Treasury has ever made: Cecil Parkinson, then Transport Secretary, unlocked the vaults in 1989 to tens of thousands of unused numbers and discovered a nation apparently panting to furnish its cars with per-

sonalised plates. Sales so far total more than £200 million. The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has sold more than 400,000 numbers and is still trawling its records for more to issue: the B prefix went on sale in January and has brought in £5 million while the highest price paid was £235,000 for KI NGS, at an auction three years ago.

Treasury officials simply sit back and count the cash as it rolls in from motorists eager for the numbers and letters that will pick out their humble hatchback from the rest. A whole new industry has sprung up selling another estimated £200 million worth

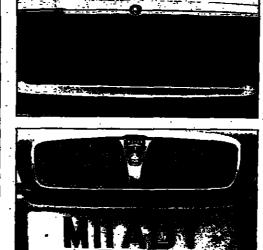
of numbers annually. It is a most bizarre pursuit, although some motorists are prepared to pay anything sometimes more than the car worth — for the

numberplate they want. Tracey Clark, manager of Midland Registrations in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. says: "We have all types of motorist coming here for numbers. We sell plates as cheaply as £99 — but we sold one, RD5,

Midland has developed its







Prestige number plates on sale at Christie's. In 1989 the registration 1A fetched £160,000 and now trade in personal tags is big business

own golden trail to Northern Ireland, with an oddball collection scheme which involves storing more around 300 mopeds ready to make the journey to the province's fi-

censing authorities. Northern Ireland has highly attractive registrations featuring Z, such as BAZ (lots of fun for Basils and Barries) and the latest KAZ series (even more hilarity for Karens and Karols, if there are any misspelt Essex girls out there).

Midland captures a quota by sending the unregistered mopeds to Northern Ireland and registering them with the authorities there. When the mopeds come home, the numbers are transferred to customer cars. The plates sell for

between £99 and £2,000. Steve Waldenberg has his own Irish-bought plate - with SIW for his initials — on his 27-year-old Triumph 1300. the number plate." Waldenberg is secretary of the Registration Numbers Club, an unlikely collection of 600 people whose hobby has apparently dispensed with the glories of classic car design and style to become finated by

the oblong plates that sit on the cars' bumpers. "We are not like train-spotters," Waldenberg pro-tests, although the club recently had its annual rally in Staffordshire, where members gathered, parked their cars and ... well, looked at each

other's number plates.

form of one-upmanship," he adds. "Cars these days look the same, so there is a practical aspect — you can spot yours by

uying personalised plates has another advantage: the P plate seems destined to be the last annual registration change, a scheme that has caused more than enough chaos, forcing 25 per cent of motor industry sales into a single month just because drivers are so determined to show off their new number.

But personalised plates can disguise the age of a car, bus or truck. When the DVLA released special P-plates last "Owning a custom plate is a month, among the first in the

queue was a breakdown company which bought successive P2, P3 and P4 TOW plates for

its, lorries. If only the rest of Britain's motorists had their eyes on such a logical and conservative choice, for the DVLA has discovered dozens whose quest was for a more spicy selection from this August's batch of specials. Officials were forced to issue a polite message to go away to dozens who put PISS

OFF high on their hit list. DVLA officials, ever wary of the problems of taste some plates could cause, have kept that number back on the computer, as they have with some other sensitive combinations. There are no plates that have the letters GOD, for ex-

ample. And 666 - with its satanist connotation -- was for some time withheld.

However, there are plenty of plates of dubious taste still out there: one motorist has got PEN 15, although he was pulled over by police who accused him of obscenity, and 4 KOF also exists somewhere.

Expressing your personality with a plate is one thing such as the vicar who acquired A20 REV and PC 428 in Worcester who pursued 428 COP; but maybe Debbie Brooke, an air hostess, was a little too up front in expressing her — uhm — personality when she paid £4,000 last month for her special plate. It was 36C, her bra size — and

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hen Mel Wil-liams's car was smashed and covered in debris by the IRA bomb which ripped through Manchester last month, he was confident his comprehensive policy would cover the damage.

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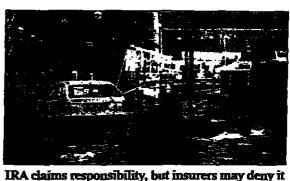
Like most comprehensive policies, his insurance company explained, his

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"any consequence of war, invasion ... [or] rebellion" would not be covered. "They told me that they classed the bombing in Manchester as a rebellion from Northern Ireland and rebellions are not covered,"

Still uncertain he contacted the AA who described his insurance company's explanation as "nonsense" and reassured him that the company should pay for the damage. He took their advice and his car has subsequently been declared a write-off and Landmark

has paid up. Continued on page 2



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● London A302 Westminster Bridge; closed from 9pm Friday until 5am Monday for reconstruction work, use Lambeth as an

A100 City: Byward Street down to single lane eastbound for reconstruction work at the Great Tower Street junction.

Long delays. A118 Forest Gate; Romford Road down to single lane for widening work between Green widening work between Green
Street and Katherine Road with
temporary lights at weekends.
A503 Tottenham; restrictions
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Bridge at Mill Road. Temporary
lights. Long delays into Tottenham one-way system.
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South-East

M4 junctions 12-14; overnight lane closures from 10pm until 6am between Theale and Hungerford will take the motor-way down to a single lane at

A4020 New Denham; works between the Denham round-about and the Coach and Horses pub with temporary lights off peak. A423 Banbury, lane restrictions

on the Southam Road. M20 junction 8, lane clos A249; restrictions west of for dual carriageway work with 40mph speed limit. M25 junctions 6-10; major

widening work from Godstone to Reigate with 30mph speed restriction.

● South-West M5 junctions 17-20; lane restrictions both ways between Bristol West and Clevedon especially over the Avonmouth Bridge with 50mph speed restriction.

A354 Milbourne St Andrew; temporary lights. A417 Brockworth; lane closures on the Brockworth by-

A3062 Bath; delays on Ralph Alien Drive at peak periods. A3102 Swindon; major road-works at the Mannington roundabout with traffic down to a single lane. Long delays.

 Midlands and East Anglia A617 Temple Normanton; major works between Chesterfield and the M1 with 40mph speed restriction.

Hampton Lovett; temporary lights and 10mph speed limit. A6 Leicester; roadworks on the London Road between Mayfield Road Island and Stough-

A6 Lockington; contraflow both ways between Warren Lane and Netherfield Lane. M180 junctions 5-4; contraflow with two lanes eastbound and

one lane westbound between Barnetby and Scawby.
A1 Coddington; lane restrictions between Coddington and

West End Road for bridge

Repairs.

A41 Tipton; Black Country
Spine Road closed northbound for repairs from Navigation roundabout to Parkway roundabout. Diversion.

● North A167M Newcastle; Central motorway down to single lane each way for work between the New Bridge Street roundabout and just north of Jesmond

M6 junctions 20-21a; roadworks and contraflow with three narrow lanes in both M6 junctions 30-32; lane clo-sures in both directions (Mon-

day-Friday). M1 junction 47; major road-works with lane closures and a 30mph speed restriction. M62 junction 28; tane restrictions and 30mph speed limit for roadworks.

M18 junction 1-M1; contrallow between Rotherham and Thurcroft. Long peak-time

Wales

A470 Llyswen; temporary lights at Llangoed Hall. M4 at junctions 23A-24; contratiow and lane closures with a 50mph speed limit. A4042 between Pontypool and Little Mill; lane closures and contrafiows. Delays at peak

periods. A472 Pontypool; contrailow and lane closures between Miskin and Pencoed with 50mph speed limit.

A482 Aberaeron Upper Bridge closed with traffic being diverted via the A487.

 Scotland A90 Aberdeen; restrictions at the roundabout on either side of the bridge of Dee. M8 junction 15; westbound traffic restricted at Townhead to

three narrow lanes with slip A90 Longforgan; lane closures in both directions. A725 East Kilbride Expressway Total closure of the westbound off ramp to Main Street, Blantyr. A761 Paisley; lane restrictions at Fergustie in both directions.

 Northern Ireland A3 Portadown; restrictions on the Northway at junction with Mill Avenue. A21 Comber, restrictions on

Isborough Road with delays A5 Milltown; lane closures on Strabane Road with temporary lights between Sion Mills and Newtonstewart.

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The Government's plan to produce journey times for roads is a PR nonsense that will create a speeder's charter

A timetable for turmoil

The Government's plan to issue league tables of the most and least-stressed roads, together with an indication as to how long a given journey should take, comes as no surprise to me. It only confirms that someone at the Department of Transport has been eating infected

The trouble with this kind of madcap initiative is that it tends to infect others. The motoring organisations, normally bastions of good sense, have on this occasion blown a fuse: they have given the move a guarded welcome and added a lunacy of their own.

Both the AA and the RAC apparently want rebates for drivers if estimated journey times are not met. Edmund King of the RAC is quoted as saying: "Passengers on the rail-ways get money back if trains are late, why not do the same if the road network is not up to scratch?"

I can only think of about 300 instant reasons for not doing that, Ed. For a start, how would such a system be administered? What proof would there be that a driver had

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

made the journey at all, let alone taken more time that it was sup-

posed to take? The difference between trains and cars is that trains travel on tracks at fixed speeds between fixed points. They rarely encounter a queue of trains in front, or five miles of cones. or a driver who has stopped for a picnic beside the track.

There is a particular problem about this scheme which poses roadsafety questions. Motorways are

generally very safe, but the one danger they present is that drivers assume a given journey will take a given length of time.

If I drive from London to Bristol, I expect that journey to take two hours. Research has shown that a delay caused by an accident or a contraflow system will not affect the driver's perception of the journey time: he or she will simply increase their speed in order to counteract the effects of the delay.

But at least at the moment the driver has to take the blame for that. The publication of journey timeta-bles, due in 1988, will simply reinforce a bad habit. We will start to blame "them" for something that our fault. The plan is thus dangerous as well as crazy.

A table produced by the AA shows that journey times have lengthened between last year and this. London-Liverpool, for example, took 3hrs 57mins last year but takes 4hrs 42mins this year. I know you don't think it takes that long, but of course the time is calculated from city centre to city centre, wherein lies the

nub of the problem. In the ten years since 1982, the number of cars doubled but the road network increased by only 17 per cent. There is little hope of those proportions improving because

road-building is now out of fashion. Not that building roads would necessarily help, because the key areas which cause longer journeys are in cities, where road-widening is rendered almost impossible because of existing limitations. London's Victoria Embankment, one of the slowest crawls known to motoring, could only be widened by narrowing the Thames (an unlikely prospect).

League tables, target journey times and all the rest of the gobbledegook do not, therefore, amount to a row of beans. This latest scheme is pure public relations, much like the redesignation of the A38 in Devon as an "expressway".

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This plan only delays the evil day when a proper public transport system will have to be put in place to get people off the roads. Of course, that will cost money and require political nerve and imagination. So don't hold your breath. An office block full of pen-pushers producing league tables is not a solution, it is a substitute for doing nothing. But

Tens of thousands of cars could be forced off the road, says Vaughan Freeman



Forecourt furore: classic car owners say unleaded fuel could wreck the valves of their engines. They argue that the clean-air proposals will have no real environmental effect

classic and historic cars and 50,000 vin-Ltage motorcycles could be forced off the roads by new clean-air proposals to scrap leaded fuel.

The proposals, outlined this week and likely to be in force within four years, also mean that a further two million motorists driving cars built in the 1980s will either have to scrap them, have them converted at a cost of around £200 or else use fuel additives.

Classic car lovers are furi-

cars can be converted to run

on unleaded fuel by having hardened valve seats fitted.

but that is not possible on

many cars, particularly those

built in the 1920s and 1930s. A

lot of these vehicles do not have a detachable cylinder head, but a cylinder head and

engine block cast all in one.

The valves in such an engine

are all very close together and sited effectively at the end of a

long tunnel which is often

80,000 pre-1940 cars in Brit-ain. 30,000 of which are used

regularly, and there are

another 50,000 motorcycles of

the same age. 10,000 of which are used regularly." He says that even if every

one of those vehicles was to

run on the nation's roads all at

once, the impact on the envi-

ronment. amid a national

vehicle population now ex-ceeding 25 million, would be

Millions of everyday cars

will also need to be adapted

says David McConnell, of the

Society of Motor Manufactur-

car population of 26.2 million

are likely to be diesel.

There are probably around

inaccessible.

insignificant.

ous, claiming the move is no more than a public relations ploy which will make no measurable difference to the cleanliness of the nation's air. If adopted, the European Commission proposals could put Peter Glover's charming fleet of prewar cars out of action. Glover, chairman of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, owns a brace of Alvis 1250s dating from 1927, as well as a 1924 Vauxhall 30/98. He covers

around 4,000 miles a year in . each car, but that would end if the only fuel on sale was unleaded. The alternative, he says, would be to use untried additives, or to commission the building of new engines at around £4,000 per car. Banning leaded fuel would curtail the use of cars like mine," he says. "We would have to engineer a different type of cylinder head or engine block with hardened valve

seats, or use fuel additives which are unproven. "Vehicles built before 1950 in particular will be seriously affected because their engines have valve seats made of soft iron which are sited in cast-

ers and Traders: "By the year iron cylinder heads." 2000, current projections are that there will be at the most The use of lead in petrol was introduced in the mid 1920s. It 2.8 million cars still running on leaded fuel, out of a total lubricates the valve seats to prevent excessive wear. Without the lead in petrol, the valve cars, some 3.4 million of which seats quickly become worn

for aged motors engined cars, 16 million are likely to be unleaded, and 40 per cent of the remaining 4.8 million, at a conservative esti-

Leaded petrol

ban fuels fear

adapted to run on unleaded." the two million motorists able to convert their cars will each have to pay around £200 at today's prices to do so. Head of AA Research and Materials Testing, John Stubbs says: The problem is that the plain cast iron of older cars, such as Minis and MGBs, was not heat-treated and is relatively soft and prone to being eroded by petrol without lead.

"As the soft valve seat is eroded in the cylinder head. the valve clearances disappear because the valve goes up into seating properly and will not be conducting heat away from the cylinder head so that the material of the valves begins to burn away. As a result the engine loses compression and runs slower and slower."

For most engines though says Stubbs, conversion should not be a problem: "It is a straightforward job to have valve seat inserts put in. The cylinder head is taken off. a ridge is bored into the valve seat, and an insert of heat resistant alloy is put in. The other option might be additives but in the long term the answer would be valve seat inserts, costing around £200." Old car enthusiasts are watching with interest how their counterparts in New

THE 1954 STANDARD VANGUARD

WAS BRITAINS FIRST DIESEL-

ENGINED FAMILY CAR.

Peter Henley, chairman of the Vintage Sports Car Club's fuels sub-committee, believes effective additives could be developed, but argues: "The most satisfactory solution, given the number of cars in Britain that use leaded, would think be a postponement of the ruling, allowing a gradual decrease in the demand for leaded fuel as the number of cars needing it falls."

was banned earlier this year.

are coping using additives to mimic the role of lead in fuel.

Bruce Petter, director of the Petrol Retailers Association, says, "I think it is inevitable that the European Commission proposal will be adopted. and I also think beyond doubt that it is desirable.

"From a retail point of view it is not a problem to do the necessary transfer of pumps over from leaded to unleaded fuel. It will help distribution. and make life easier in the future with the design and layout of service stations,"

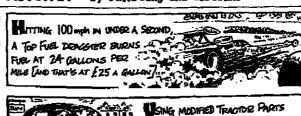
The proposed moratorium on leaded fuel is part of a package of clean-air proposals drawn up by the European Commission following advice from the World Health Organisation, and research by the EC and the European oil and motor industries under the umbrella of the European Auto-Oil programme.

Continued from page 1 Most car owners whose vehicles were burned, damaged or destroyed by the Manchester bomb should have had no trouble making a claim, unless they had no more than third-party insurance. According to the Association of British Insurers, damage caused by hostilities "includ-

companies were taking a sympathetic view. Riots are different though: many insurers were waiting to hear whether the trouble in Trafalgar Square following England's semi-final match against Germany during Euro 96 would be officially declared a riot because they might be able to reclaim payouts from the Government if it is. In theory, insurance companies could still make a counter-claim against the

o quell riots, although that is unlikely. Up to now insurance companies are treating customers caught up in disturbances sympathetically and the Insurance Ombudsman has received no complaints. But the ABI say that it is too early for problems to surface and cases similar to Williams's could well still turn up.

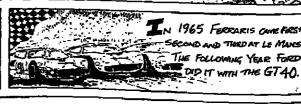
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police, who have a legal duty

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The stunning Elise returns the troubled carmaker to its forte—lightweight sportsters, says Kevin Eason

Spartan star tips the scales Lotus's way

omano Artioli was obviously a lot willer than any of us imagined. All the time he was holding out for a top price - reported to be as much as E60 million - for Lotus and the motoring world scoffed at his optimism. What he knew and we didn't

was all about Elise, the new sports car from the Norfolk company he bought from General Motors. For the Elise could change the fortunes of a company which has been hard-pressed ever since its founder, Colin Chapman, died in 1982. Without his charisinatic leadership, the Formula One team has disappeared and the carmaking side of the company has had to exist effectively on selling one mod-el, the Esprit, which has been in production in various guises for 20 years.

But Chapman would have loved the Elise simply because it takes Lotus back to its roots when the company made spartan sports cars full of character and performance.

Forget all those modern notions that cars should have carpets and radios and buttons to press: the Elise has none of that nonsense. The Elise is so bare, it is the bikiniwearer of the motoring world; a near-naked car so scantily dressed it cannot even pretend not to have any frills because there is nowhere to hang them.

If you are clutching your building society book with £20,000 to throw away on a toy, stop making comparisons between the Elise and every other sports car on the road from the MGF to the Mazda MX-5 - because it isn't like anything else on the road.

For a start, the fiddly cloth hood will have your thumbs wathed in Elastoplast. Sam Brown, Lotus's public relations man, and I struggled for ten minutes undoing catches and pushing and pressing bars into place before we gave up and he took a collection of bits back to his office.

bit of a shock because you actually do climb in; the finy door is no more than a pretence of normality because it masks a high ledge over which you clamber on to a thin, stiff seat. Only the driver's seat is adjustable, forwards and backwards, facing a tiny steering wheel (no airbag) and two white dials, a

speedo and rev counter. Sitting inside the extraordinary aluminium chassis, a box-shaped spaceframe made by Danish aluminium specialists, Hydro, who glue it together rather than weld, you are surrounded by two composite "clam-shell" pieces of bodywork which are hung on to the frame. The spartan feel was emphasised by bare metal everywhere - no carpets, no traditional armrests or reassuring pockets.

For a moment, I was disconcerted: perhaps the trim chaps had forgotten some vital bits and Sam would come dashing out of his office clutching pieces of leather and wood to screw on to the dashboard.

No. I was all on my own and wondering about this back-tonature motoring experience. Until I fired up the Rover 1.8litre engine - the one that comes from the MGF shifted the metal gear stick into first and let up the drilled metal clutch pedal. Then I was in something as close to motorng heaven as you can get ... in Norfolk, anyway.

The driving experience is race car meets the roads. There is only 118 brake horse power at most from the midmounted engine, but the Elise weighs just 690 kilogrammes more than 300 kilos less than an MGF — so there was almost nothing to propel apart from my over-lunched chump clothed in cap and anorak.

There was no need to learn the car's quirks and foibles because there were none. The Elise embodies the simplest philosophy for sportscar mo-toring: just put your backside on the seat and drive.

with no wheelspin to make the official 0 to 62mph time of 5.9 second seem understated (in fact, one magazine recently tested the Elise from 0 to 30mph at just 1.8 seconds).

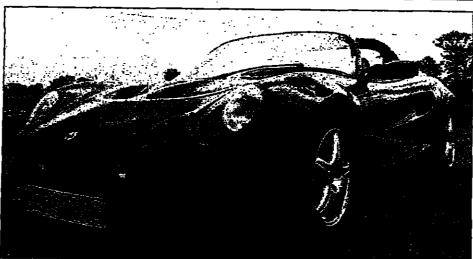
Forget the statistics though, for the joy of the Elise is in the driving, every response and turn accurate and immediate, There was the occasional pothole-induced thump from the suspension but the chassis felt rigid and well-behaved, the handling as good as anything I have ever driven.

Response to the Elise is so overwhelming that this year's allocation of 400 cars is already sold out, each with a £1,000 deposit. Only 800 cars are scheduled to leave the factory at Hethel, near Norwich, next year and Lotus is wary of being persuaded to step up output; it remembers the pain of its financially burnt fingers when it launched the much-applauded Elan, unfortunately on the eve of recession and ended up with cars it

urely though the Elise will be a sell-out success simply because there is nothing else to compete. The MGF, while a fantastic car, is much more sensible: a hot hatchback alternative for people in busi-ness suits. Only the Renault Spider comes near for exhilaration, although its extra engine power is tempered by extra weight and a cost expected to be about £5,000 more.

The Elise is the car that could put Lotus back on track after its years in the wilderness. It has produced a car that Colin Chapman would have been proud of and enthusiasts will adore. They don't come along too often in the modern era, but the Elise is already a classic. Lotus has the Knight to take the business off Mr Artioli's hands to provide the financial security the company desperately needs.





An engine, four wheels, a spaceframe, excellent handling and speed — and little else

LOTUS ELISE

Name: christened after grandaughter of Romano Artioli, chairman of Group Lotus-Bugatti combine. For sale: now in UK, Europe in September.

670kg (Mini 679kg); length 3,726mm (Mini 3,048mm), width 1,701mm (1,397mm). Engine: mid-mounted Rover four-cylin 1.8-little for 118bhp at 5,500rpm through fivespeed manual gearbox driving rear wheels. Brakes and tyres: hard-wearing aluminium

Size: toytown meets the racetrack. Weighs

matrix disc brakes; unique to Elise - Pirelli P Zero, 15-inch front, 16-inch rear. Performance: 0 to 62mph in 5.9 seconds, top speed 124mph, av. fuel economy 39.4mpg. quipment: cloth hood, passenger footrest, locking wheelnuts ... er, that's it.

Price: £19,950 £585, metallic paint £690, immobiliser £295. Warranty: eight years on chassis, one year mileage and AA breakdown insurance.

MCLAREN CLUB

Win yourself a £190 chance to meet the grand prix team

FOR THE second grand prix running. McLaren cars have been in the points, signalling a return to form for one of the world's best Formula One teams. Millions watched Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard on television at last week's British Grand Prix, but many fans get closer to the cars and drivers. The Team McLaren members' club gives exciting opportunities for fans to see their heroes and their amazing machines close up.

■ YOU COULD be among them, for Marlboro McLaren Mercedes is offering a year's free membership to the Team McLaren Club, which is normally £45-a-head or £69 for family membership. Members receive a starter pack, including the Team McLaren polo shirt, membership card, poster of this year's car, car sticker, badge, monthly issues of Racing Line magazine and a brochure offering clothing and other items. Members can also take part in McLaren eyents and have the chance to win trips to the European grands prix and McLaren's headquarters in Woking.

BUT A Car 96 reader can short-circuit the process by winning this valuable membership. There are also three runners-up prizes of McLaren VIP sweatshirts. There is an additional sensational prize for fans who want to join the McLaren Team whether they win or not the first five people to call the membership hotline on 01274-771833 (lines open 9am - 9pm today) will receive a cap signed by David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen.

■ ANSWER these questions for our Car 96 competition and send on a postcard to Admail 622, Woking, Surrey GU21 IWH. Usual rules apply, closing date July 29.

1. What are the colours of David Coulthard's helmet, and

what do they signify? 2. McLaren is one of the most successful teams in Formula

One, with how many grands prix victories?

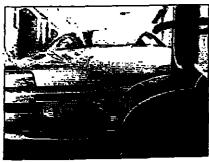
3. What is the number of Mika Hakkinen's car?

Girls just want to have facts

Airhead adverts with scantily clad females

driving feisty lifestyle runabouts just turn women buyers off, reports Morag Preston









Only a quarter of the women who re dembered Fiat's highly feminist campaign knew it was for the Punto

elevision images of scantily clad females, with perfectly applied lipstick and all the charm of an airbag, tearing through the desert in a feisty red car, are objectionable, or, at best, unmemorable, according to a report published this week.

Three out of five women feel patronised by car advertisements on television, and almost three-quarters feel stereotyped, says the report from Cowie, the motor retailers. Rather than so-called sexy storylines that reverse the idea of motoring as a male function, women want more

Women drivers want to know how much a car costs and how safe it is, not whether the colour of the dashboard clashes with their nail varnish. Less than half of those women interviewed said that television advertising had any influence on their choice of car. They cited talking to car dealers or taking recommendations from friends as far more profitable leads.

Coming in the crucial run-up to the August new-registration rush, when a quarter of all new cars are sold, half of them to women, this should be food for thought for an industry that spends £500 million a year on advertising, around £200 million of it on television.

Peugeot's "Nice car - want to show me what it can do?" was the advertisement most remembered among those women questioned, but only half could actually link it to the 306 model. Significantly, the advertisement that was first launched through Euro RSCG in October 1994, featuring a man and a woman in an underground carpark, was also the one most disliked by women. Although the femme fatale eventually turns out to be his wife and the mother of his twins, the suggestive shots of her undressing on the beach and rubbing her head against his car seat, female viewers

found insulting.

Margaret Britten, a fleet coordinator for the construction suppliers ARC, describes the Peugeot 306 advertisement as "a real turnoff". The 27-year-old owner of a



Peugeot's Thelma and Louise-style advert reflects its "fun" ethos

easily'

Vauxhall Cavalier, she says: "It tells too much of a story, and says nothing about the car. The advert sticks in my mind, but the make of the car doesn't." She switches off at the "girlie girlie ads" because she finds them so patronising, and the cars that they feature are always "so

small". Instead, Margaret prefers the information-packed advertisement made by Delaney Fletcher Bozwel for the American Chrysler Neon: "It's boring, but it lets me know that I can get everything I want for

an all-in price.' But according to Andrew Didlick, Peugeon's advertising manager,

who commands a £40 million annual budget that is split equally between press and television advertising: "It's all about buying into the emotional idea. An advert that just says this car has four doors. a steering wheel, and a gearbox, is boring. Chrysler is still at the stage where it has to re-establish its name in this country." Didlick adds that women want advertisements that promise "independence, fun, and adventure", just like the Peugeot 106 commercial with its Thelma and

Louise-style storyline. Ford, which tops the advertising spending league among motor man-

ufacturers with a E70 million annual budget, the majority of which goes towards television, has adopted a similar female stereotype of the goet'em mould to promote the Fiesta. The female driver, who takes to the wheel proves that her Fiesta is "not for the small minded". Although twice as many women

drive a Ford as any other Women car, the campaign was recognised by only 45 per cent of women; less than half of whom linked it to tend to feel the Fiesta. patronised David Miller, European client services dimore rector at Ogilvy & Mather, Ford's advertis-

> catchline "your 16-valve hairdryer" after recruiting women's magazine Marie Claire to advise on creative work, predicts a change in the way that smaller cars are advertised. This is a very sensitive market, and women don't like being singled out," he says, adding that women tend to feel more easily patronised than men. Females dominate adverts for small cars, but

ing agency, which came

up with the campaign

we shouldn't be so systematic." Until that change comes about, Glenna Tunski, a 44-year-old fleet co-ordinator at Imperial Tobacco, complains that "car adverts are all the same. They've gone too far."

When Glenna changed her car from a Mazda to a Corsa, she says that it was the cost of insurance and the promise of greater security that swayed her decision. "I think women are more sensible than men and will look into buying a car more

deeply."
Slightly less memorable than the Peugeot 306 commercial, but with a higher brand awareness, was Renault's soap opera set in Paris, which revolves around the sylphlike Nicole and her indulgent Papa.

ore than three quarters of those questioned were able to link it to the Clio. According to Glenna: "It's not as sexist or as patronising. Nicole's father drives the same car, and we have watched her grow up from a little girl into an executive female." Another advertisement that fares

better than most is comedienne and anti-sex-symbol Ruby wax's promotion of the Vauxhall Corsa — the little car with the big personality". Ninety per cent of women surveyed recognised the tongue-in-cheek commercial that features the brash American marshalling men on one of her many shopping trips. Fur-thermore, 70 per cent of those could

name the car in question.

A spokesman at Vauxhall, which spends £52 million per year on advertising through Lowe Howard-Spink, boasts: "We don't target gender, we target buyers. We play on humour." Remember, then, that Lowe Howard-Spink was the agency responsible for the Vauxhall Corsa advertisements starring supermodels Naomi Campbell and Linda Evangelista that were later dropped after being criticised as



Women liked Vauxhall's Corsa commercial with Ruby Wax for its tongue-in-cheek style



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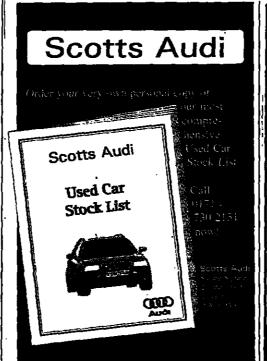
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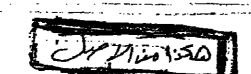
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and Stoneleigh are car names which hardly trip off the enthusiast's tongue. Yet they were among the 132 carmakers in Coventry identified by historians researching the hundred years of the industry - and examples of them are being sought by organisers of the centenary celebrations.

Their search has been hampered, however, by the overoptimism of those inventors. engineers and entrepreneurs who in the early part of the century set up carmaking companies more out of hope than expectation.

Some got no further than making bicycles or assembling a few car parts, others B only made components and one or two just sold cars.

Four months ago, the organisers enlisted the support of Car 90 and, with the help of readers, have found some of the missing cars and solved many of the mysteries. Today we launch a final

appeal for examples of the cars which we now know were made in Coventry but have been unable to find. We are hoping for examples of as many of the makes and models of Coventry cars as possible to take part in a cavalcade of famous and historic vehicles in the city on August 30," says John Horton, one of the

We now know that Edward Emms did produce 9.8hp light cars - but only a handful before going bust; that George Iden was reported driving one of his specials on a hillclimb and that the colourful Count Marendaz was the inspiration behind Marseal.

We have found a couple of Stoneleighs, and learnt that models of the Duryea and Velox were definitely made and not just advertised. But where are the rest of the cars?

Many of the details have come from friends and relatives of the early pioneers.



A 1900 Duryea has now been spotted — but it was a model built in America

Richard Adams wrote from Stowupland, Suffolk, with information he had gathered from his great-aunt, the widow of Edward Emms, who set up the Emms Motor Company in Walsgrave Road, Coventry.

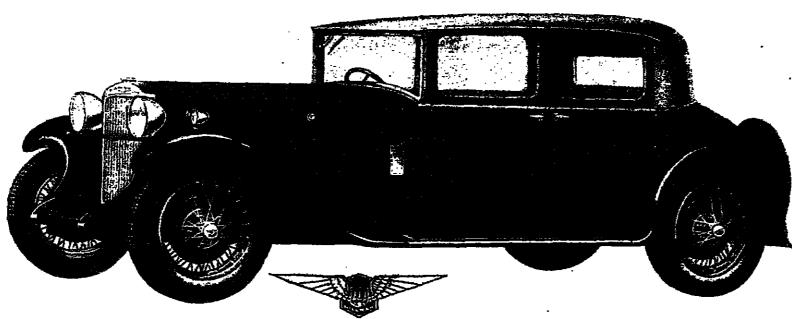
He designed a light car with a four-cylinder watercooled engine and advertised it as. "Built up to a Standard not down to a price. This philosophy failed in such a competimarketplace and the company closed after a year. Only a few cars were ever made and my great-aunt cannot remember who bought them." Adams wrote.

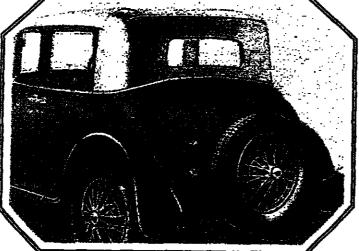
After his company finished. Edward joined Morris Motors in the experimental department. He went on to design for other companies including Coventry Climax and Gulson Engineeering as he did not wish to risk his own capital further. Some of his tools live on, however, as I have inherited them and use them on my own motoring heritage, a Triumph 1500 Spitfire and Dolo-

alcolm Dale. from Eastleigh. Hants, referred . us to some classic books on motoring history which refer to George Iden. He was a former works manager of the Motor Manufacturing Company, which originally shared a factory with Daimler at the end of the 19th century, and set up his own Iden Motor Car company in 1902, producing 12, 18 and 25hp models until 1907 when the company folded.

Sheila Lewis wrote from Coventry to tell us about Count Marendaz, an extrovert with a burning passion for cars and a great engineer". He formed Marseal Motors in 1919 to produce light cars for racing as well as for ordinary

roads. JMs Lewis recalls: "My father was an orphan and in his early teens came to live with his uncle and aunt in Coventry, Count Marendaz took pity on him and made him his errand boy.





While we have yet to locate a Hillman Straight 8 Segrave, a reader from Battle remembers one being owned by a Lancashire dentist in the 1930s

REAL, MISSING OR NEVER MADE?

MODELS from 52 of Coventry's reputed 132 makers have been found.

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Andy Rouse, 1983+. Arden, 1912-16.

Amstrong Siddeley, 1919-60. Autovia, 1937-38. Bayliss, 1926-30. Beeston, 1899. BSA, 1910-31. Buckingham (Chota), 1913-23. Calcott, 1913-26. Carbodies, 1943+. Cariton, 1901-02. Centaur, 1900-01. Cluley, 1922-28. Coventry Motette, 1896-1900. Coventry-Premier, 1919-23. Coventry-Victor, 1928-37, Crouch, 1912-22, Daimler, 1897+, Duryea, 1902-06, Deasy, 1906-11. Endurance, 1899-1901. Ferguson, 1950+. Godiva, 1900-01. Hillman, 1907-79. Hotchkiss, 1920. Humber, 1898-1968. Jaguar, 1945+. Lanchester, 1900-56. Lea-Francis, 1904-54. Maudsley, 1902-23. MMC, 1898-1904 Morris, 1913-82. Payne & Bates, 1900-01. Premier, 1912-14. Progress, 1898-1903. Rex, 1901-14. Riley, 1904-38. Rover, 1904+.

Stonebow, 1901. Stoneleigh, 1912 -24. Sturmey, 1909-12. Swallow:SS, 1932-45. Swift, 1900-31. Talbot, 1979+. Velox, 1902-04.

NEVER MADE

Acme, 1919. Aircraft, 1926-30. Alpha, 1903-14. Aurora, 1903-04. Awson, 1926-30. B&A, 1937-38. Barnett, 1926-30. Billings, 1900. Bramco, 1926-30. British Motor Company, 1898. British Motor Traction, 1906-10. Challenge, 1919-25. Condor, 1907. Couder, 1923. Crawford, 1901. Cunard, 1906-10. Daisy, 1926-30.
Daiton & Wade, 1906-10. Doherty, 1906-10. Dutson-Ward, 1906-10. Eagle, 1912-13. Forge, 1903-05. Gravenor, 1906-10. Great Horseless Carriage, 1896-98. Hamilton, 1906-10. Hill. 1926-30. Hobart-Bird, 1906-10. Hurley, 1906-10. Lee Eabb, 1926. Lee-Stroyer, 1904. Manley & Buckingham, 1912-13. Moore & Owen, 1906-10.

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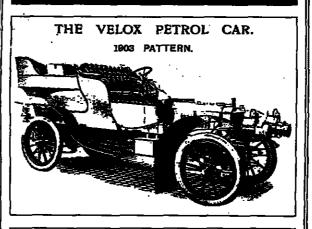
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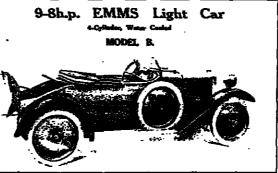
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Academy, 1906-08. Allard, 1899-1902. Ariel, 1922-25. Auto-Forge, 1987. Broadway, 1913. Brooks, 1902. Clarendon, 1902-03. Clement, 1908-14. Climax 1905-07 Cooper, 1919-23. Coronet, 1904-06. Dawson, 1920. Emms, 1922-23. Forman, 1904-06. Garrard & Bloomfield, 1894-96. Glover, 1912-13. Hubbard, 1904-05. Iden, 1904-07. Lady, 1899. Lotis, 1908-12. Marseal, 1919-25. May Beeston, 1898. Omega, 1925-27. Raglan, 1899. Ranger, 1913-14. Ridley, 1901-07. Rudge, 1912-13. Ryder, 1980 retnam, 1913. Titán, 1911. Viking, 1914. West-Aster, 1904-14. Wigan-Barlow, 1922-23. Williamson 1913-14.

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THE EMMS deluxe Coupe was made in 1922 by a short-lived company formed by Edward Emms, a talented

designer. It came complete with a range of extras, such as a speedometer and clock, at a cost of £350.

BROKEN DREAMS

Fantasy life of old Ryley and similar dreams

A the sociable type", it runs with "great freedom and little vibration; the high speed is quite as last as desirable and all ordinary hills can be taken without changing gear".

The test published in Autocar in September 1901 made the Ryley Voiturette sound like the ideal motor for a young couple and would have done Morgan proud but like so many cars designed in Coventry at the turn of the century, it was just a dream.

Only two prototypes were produced and the company formed to put it into full production collapsed within a year. The

Ryley (with two 'y's instead of the familiar one) as part of the hunt for surviving models of Coventry-made marques came letter from Jo<u>hn</u>

Ryley, grandson

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of the pioneer. "I can be positively negative about one of the Coven-try cars: no Ryley Voiturette can exist now," he wrote from Lymington, Hampshire. "At the beginning of 1902. Ryley Ward and Bradford, the company formed to make the car, bust. John Albert Ryley, my grandfather, was not short of original ideas and one of them was to sell his car in kit form. This oject had begun and a collection of essential spe-

cial parts were made. These parts were not saleable at liquidation so he went on keeping them in the attic of his Birmingham warehouse for sentimental reasons. It is likely that the Voiturette was among the bits because these cars were very flimsy and did not need anything as large as a stable or barn to store. I think my father disposed of

the 'iunk' in 1923." Another sad letter came from Mark Bean of Olveston, Gloucestershire,

Edmund Mayo, founded the Coventry Eagle company. lt. too, was identified by historians as "a firm with some aspirations to car manufacture" but according to Bean it never got

beyond making bicycles.
The Bramco company also puzzled the historians. They discovered its car advertisements but noted that its address was in a respectable residential area without any industrial premises. This mystery was solved by Eugene Nicholson, a museum curator of Bradford, who uncovered a series of sales documents showing that American and

Coventry-made cars had been My father distributed by Bramco, provthrew the ing that the company was a car retailer not a Voiturette manufacturer. Other names

away as have also been removed from the list of poten-

tial carmakers after research by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, owner of the National Motor Museum, and Nick Georgano, author of the Complete Encyclopaedia of Motorcars.

They discovered, for example, that Ho-bart-Bird diversified from making motorcycles producing threewheeled commercial vehi-

cles but never cars. Pelham Lee, a former Daimler engineer and a Danish partner, did produce a car to demonstrate the efficiency of the compa-ny's petrol engine but did not pursue the venture.

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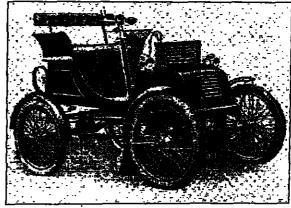
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Between them, Lord Montagu and Georgano er 45 companies listed as potential carmakers ever produced one. "We do not like to be kiiljoys," Lord Montagu says, "but it must help the organisers to know which models they have a realistic chance of finding."



The Ryley builder's grandson revealed its sad fate

"My father would tell me of his excitement about working for the Count and about riding aboard the cars as they were taken to Coventry station to be despatched by rail.

Siddeley, 1902-04. Siddeley-Deasy 1912-19. Singer, 1902-56.

Standard, 1903-63

The count would always tip him and he would walk home and get something to eat from the late-night pie shops." The count later moved to London and then Maidenhead where he produced the Marendaz

While the search continues for examples of any of these makes, two of the first three cars we featured in March have been found: the Lea Francis Hyper which won the Ulster TT in 1928 - and nine examples of Cluley cars. Clues have also been uncov-

ered in the hunt for the third car, a Hillman Straight S Segrave, made in the 1920s by the leading manufacturers of the day and named after Sir Henry Segrave, a motor racing hero and holder of land speed records.

Various sightings of the classic model have been reported in postwar years and a further clue has come from Rex Hinchcliffe of Battle, Sussex. "One was owned in the 1930s and 30s by Phillip Grundy, a dentist in Leyland. Lancashire," he writes. "I learnt of this in the 1950s from

Our appeal has uncovered a pair of Stoneleighs; one is being restored by Rolls-Royce my uncle who lived in the area and recalled that Mr Grundy would 'drive a party to Blackpool for the evening in the Straight 8 Hillman'.

"Mir Grundy was in the news after his death in the 1960s when it was disclosed that he had left everything to his secretary. I wonder if she got the car and whether it's still in existence." More definite news has been gathered about the

Stoneleigh cars, made from

1912 to 1924 at the Parkside

works, Coventry, which became home to Armstrong Siddeley. One is being restored at the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust at Mickleover. Derbyshire, and another has been listed in an auction catalogue.

Thanks to David Locket of Woldingham, Surrey, we are also on the trail of a Velox. He used to own the chassis of one many years ago and has spotted the same car listed in the handbook of the Veteran Car Club of Great Britain.

A Duryea has been spotted in another catalogue and one is known to exist in Britain.

but it is dated 1900 and comes from America where Charles Duryea was a pioneering manufacturer at the end of the 19th century. Three and four-wheeled cars were made under licence

in Coventry from 1902 to 1906 and with their distinctive hoods would - like so many other of the missing cars - be a welcome addition to the

PARADE OF THE RESURRECTED

THE CAVALCADE of Coventry-built cars will be just one of the spectacular events taking place in three days of celebrations, from August 30 to September 1, to mark the centenary of the British motor industry, writes Tony Dawe.

The parade, entitled the Coventry Collection, will pass some of the factories old and new which have made cars from the Progress Quadricycle to the eagerly awaited Jaguar XK&

"We have invited all the groups and individual owners of Coventry-built cars to come to the city on August 30 to join the cavalcade," says John Horton, consultant to the city council.

When they are not on the move, the cars will be parked amid marquees and a funfair at Coombe Abbey just outside the city. They will be joined there on Saturday, August 31, by more historic cars from other parts of the United Kingdom which will form the

A faster-paced event on Saturday will be the Motor al London to Brighton veter-

City Challenge, a rally around 80 miles of road and track, including the Motor Industry Research Associa-Hinckley.

The rally has been designed to test both the drivand navigational skills of ordinary motorists and is



open to anyone — provided they contribute at least £40 to the Motor Industry Benevolent Fund. Organisers have set a target of 250 cars and there will be special categories for all-female teams, new drivers, old drivers and classic cars with commemorative prizes in each group. (More details about the rally will appear in Car 96 next week.)

Sunday will feature the Midlands' rival to the annu-

an car run: a 65-mile rally through Shakespeare country for 450 historic vehicles. from late-19th-century cars to more modern Triumph

and Jaguar sports cars. The entrants will assemble at Coombe Abbey park before parading through the city centre and heading on a route through Kenilworth, Henley-in-Arden. Straiford-upon-Avon, and

The four events will be supported by a lively entertainment programme in the city centre including the opportunity for motor racing enthusiasts of all ages to try the EuroSport remotecontrolled grand prix circuit with 1/12th sized Formula One cars, to play on SEGA rally machines and a Scalextric replica of the Silverstone circuit.

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I saw most of Hackney and London NI and learnt all about my instructor's private life, including his extraordinary smoking habits. I soon became an amazingly fastidious driver, or so I thought. The day of my test loomed. I

was surprisingly nervous. My middle-aged male examiner and I set off after I correctly read out a number plate several yards away. I was very pleased it was a man because I heard the one and only woman at the centre was a real Tatar. The test took about 45 minutes, but as is usual in these situations it seemed an

The examiner was most solicitous. "I'm afraid you've failed Miss Shepherd-Smith," he said. but it was a very nicely managed test." couldn't believe it. (Poor observation once, which I vehemently denied. Years of being a journalist I thought had taught me to observe without being caught at it. I also stopped too suddenly at a pedestrian crossing.)

All but one of the eight or so applicants tested with me failed, I learnt later. Another special offer (plus a few more lessons setting me back by £114) later and a second test (£21) loomed. This time I tried the afternoon shift. I thought I might have better luck.

My instructor had been behaving oddly, not turning up for lessons, or extending a single lesson to a double without telling me. So when the second test day arrived, the fears I had of him not turning

up materialised. Fortunately I had made a contingency plan, but it did not augur well.

it started off well enough and continued until the end. "I'm afraid you've failed," said the middle-aged man, as polite and as neutral as the previous one. Failure to observe while reversing around a corner on a hill, which again I vehemently denied, and driving too slowly. I thought 25mph was quite fast enough in an unfamiliar suburban street with cars parked on either side, plus the hazard of a slight drizzle. I later found out that the test centre had more impostors last year than

any other in the South East.

Again most of the applicants that morning failed. Why put myself through this if I have a licence aiready.

you may well ask. The National Party Government in South Africa tried to rid itself of its notorious "pass-law" image by issuing everybody with an identity document called a Book of Life. Instead of one's race being spelt out in words, it was signified by a number. I have never appreciated the nuances of Coloured. Other Coloured and Cape Coloured even in numerical form, so I and several of my friends did not apply. The downside of this minor rebel-

lion was losing the chance to have my licence appended in said document, thus invalidating it. Then as happened frequently, the law changed, hut by this time I had mislaid my licence in my move to

Britain. Two tests and more than £200 in fees decided me, and the thought of having to complete the new written examination clinched it. Not being one for ritual humiliation or paying a surrogate. I thought it would be far easier to apply for a duplicate licence in South Africa and then use an international licence. Now

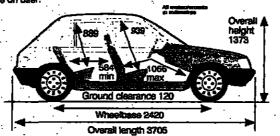
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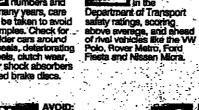




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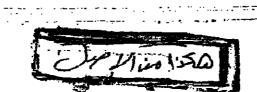
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Silverstone? Brooklands is racing's first home, says Lord Montagu of Beaulieu

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remains Brooklands: a few frag-ments of banking are visible from the Waterloo to Southampton railway, but the area is increasingly given over to indus-try. Few realise that this uninspiring spot was for 32 years the motor racing enthusiasts' mecca.

In the early years of the century racing on main roads was strictly forbidden. When a British victory in the 1902 Gordon Bennett Race obliged us to host the next year's event, it had to be held in Ireland. The idea for Brooklands occurred to the wealthy landowner and motoring enthusiast, Hugh Fortescue Locke

King, while he was watching Italy's pre-mier event, the Targa Florio in Sicily in 1906. Italian cars and drivers finished first and second, and a Frenchman third. Why were there no British cars in the race at all, he wondered? If the Continent had open roads for rac-

ing, he determined that Britain should have a purpose-built track. For the site, Locke King chose part of his Surrey estate, south of his home at Weybridge. It was unpromising marshy land with a few smallholdings devoted to

Brooklands (named after Locke King's house) was a most ambi-tious project. The concrete track was 100 feet wide, roughly oval and 2.75 miles in circumference. At the north east end there was a steep banking which rose nearly 29 feet above ground level. This came to be known as the Members' Banking, while at the other end was the lower Byfleet Banking. Even this, at 21 feet 10in, loomed over the roofs of a about the new track, but not

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127mph.) committee members in-Princess of Wales, who

1910), the Dukes of Beaufort and Westminster, and Lords Churchill, Dudley, Essex, Northcliffe, Sefton and Tollemache. Considered an extension of horse racing, motor racing attracted a blue-blooded governing body.

The official opening was on June 17, 1907, when speeches were made at a luncheon in the pavilion and cars paraded on the track. Some drivers could not resist the temptation of taking their cars to the limit. The fastest was Warwick Wright's 80hp Darracq which roared around near the top of the banking. reaching speeds estimated by The Autocar at between 80 and 90mph.

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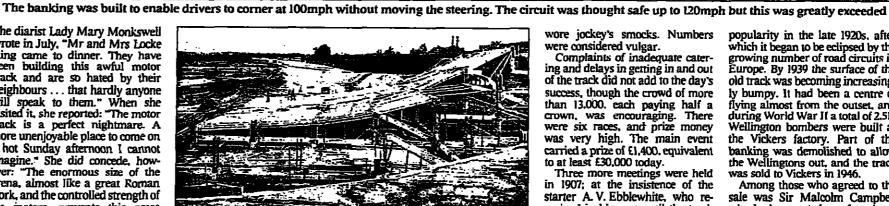
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> The Brooklands Automobile Racing Club was formed in December 1906. Lord Lonsdale was president and my father vice-president; The diarist Lady Mary Monkswell wrote in July, "Mr and Mrs Locke cluded Prince Francis of Teck (brother of the King came to dinner. They have

became Queen Mary in been building this awful motor track and are so hated by their neighbours ... that hardly anyone will speak to them." When she visited it, she reported: "The motor track is a perfect nightmare. A more unenjoyable place to come on a hot Sunday afternoon I cannot imagine." She did concede, however: "The enormous size of the arena, almost like a great Roman work, and the controlled strength of

the motors, prevents this great horrid place from being vulgar. Even before racing began, the track saw the first British 24-hour record attempt. S. F. Edge drove a 60hp Napier accompanied by two similar cars on June 28-29. Finding his headlamps next to useless he sent out for 352 red lanterns from The motoring press enthused row of cottages beneath it. The everyone was impressed, however. every roadmaking firm in London.

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success, though the crowd of more than 13,000, each paying half a crown, was encouraging. There were six races, and prize money was very high. The main event carried a prize of £1.400, equivalent to at least £30,000 today.

Three more meetings were held in 1907; at the insistence of the

starter A. V. Ebblewhite, who remained in his post until the track closed in August 1939, the coloured on the cars, and handicapping was introduced. Within a few years Brooklands was established as the most important motoring venue in Britain, and also attracted many visitors from Europe and America. Brooklands reached its peak of

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popularity in the late 1920s, after which it began to be eclipsed by the growing number of road circuits in Europe. By 1939 the surface of the old track was becoming increasingly bumpy. It had been a centre of flying almost from the outset, and during World War II a total of 2.515 Wellington bombers were built at the Vickers factory. Part of the

sale was Sir Malcolm Campbell who had competed so often there. Happily the track is still used for reunions; although no racing can take place, it has been greatly cleaned up in recent years, thanks to the work of the Brooklands Society. Thirty acres of original buildings form the Brooklands Museum, which was opened by Prince Michael of Kent in 1991.

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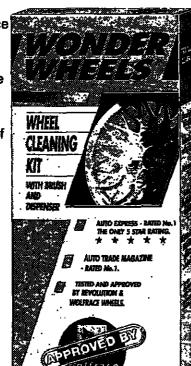
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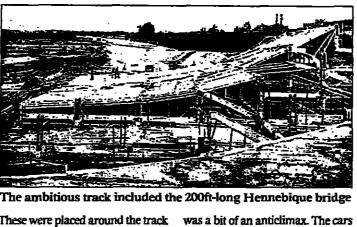
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Greg Knight's political power finds its match in his classic-crowded garage, says Perry Cleveland-Peck

Chief Whip who doesn't spare the horses

f a man's car reflects his style and character then Greg Knight, Government Deputy Chief Whip, has the perfect set of wheels. He describes his favourite classic car, a 1949 Buick Roadmaster, as "just a little bit frightening". Knight, one of the most powerful

and feared men in the Conservative party, explains: "With its huge carnivorous grille it is a beast that generates a sinister, slightly menacing presence. In fact on the few occasions it is seen in public, little boys have been known to run off at their first sight of it.

I bet they have, for with an uncompromising and not insubstantial body and a powerful 5.25litre straight-eight engine, the machine, along with its driver, is enough to put the fear of God into any would-be motorist as they travel the highways and byways of Westminster. With its

distinctive four-hole 'Little boys ventilation ports and "a hell of a lot of chrome", the Buick, all 18 feet of it, have run is a striking vehicle that would intimidate the off at first traffic on any boulevard or thoroughfare. sight of the When I first bought

thought it was just me who found it frightening but since then I have learnt that others feel the same way too. Considering current events at Westminster maybe I should drive it to the House a little more often. Perhaps all the whips should get

the car," says Knight, "I

There are two passions in Knight's life: politics and classic cars. He developed both when he was a young boy. "I have had an interest in cars since I was seven." he says. "The first car I owned was a 1957 Studebaker Hawk, which I got in 1958. I was nine years old and the car was four inches long - it was a Dinky toy. I now own the real

thing.' "I first saw my Studebaker in a magazine called Classic American," says Knight. It was the first time I had seen one since I owned the Dinky. I called the editor and tracked the car down to its Midlands owner. I paid £9,000 for it and have since been offered double. It was originally from South Africa and so it has ample air conditioning. Trouble is there is no heater so

The 1961 Studebaker Hawk and the Buick are just two out of a collection of many. Knight, who maintains that "you can't beat litres", owns, in chronological order: a 1956 Bentley SI, a 312-litre 1969 Rover P5B coupé (the smallestengined car of his collection), a 1972 6.3-litre Jensen Interceptor (which delivers an economical 12.5 mpg), a 1988 Chrysler Le Baron Convertible, a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice saloon (complete with tinted windows) and a new Chevrolet Camaro sports. He has recently just moved house in Derbyshire to a property that has a workshop big enough to

The motoring love affair started 15 years ago when Knight part-exchanged a Ford Granada for the Bentley Sl. He maintains: The Bentley is a wonderful car, she is very reliable and sometimes I can go six months without even starting her -- she still fires at the first turn of the key." The Bentley was once

house them all.

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used to chauffeur his friend. the singer Frankie Valli, to a Four Seasons concert in Brentwood during the band's 1994 UK tour. Knight, known among journalists as "Silent Knight in recognition of his renowned eagerness to communicate with the press, is no stranger to the rock and

roll business. A one-

time owner of a recording studio and former drummer, he recorded the track Maggie Will Always be Around for the 1983 general election campaign. "I just cannot sell my cars," he

says, "though these days I am getting more selective at choosing new ones. What I will say about my collection is that they are all roadworthy and in regular use. They aren't just museum pieces or an investment, though they have all increased in value. One thing I can't stand is seeing people turn up to a rally in a Land Rover with their cars on a trailer behind them after all they are not pieces of

Knight's dream car is a 1937 Cord 812 Beverley Sedan - the supercharged model. Depending on your viewpoint it is either the most attractive or unattractive car ever built," he says. "I just love the Art Deco look about it. It has very distinctive wraparound grille bars encompassing the fore-end of the car from front door to front door the so-called coffin-nose effect. It was the first motor car to be able to



Knight with his 1961 Studebaker Hawk: he first had one at the age of nine, but it was a Dinky toy. He bought the full-sized car after seeing it featured in a magazine

go over 100 mph, the first car with pop-up headlights and the first car with front-wheel drive. It was made in the States during the 1930s but with the arrival of Depression the company folded and now Cords are very rare motor cars indeed." Knight is so enthusiastic about this car that he is reported to have said that if he ever became Secretary of State for Transport the first thing he would do is buy a Cord and drive it to the office.

On more than one occasion Knight's passion for automobiles has come into conflict with his political career. Having been re-

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ported to Westminster's Serjeant at Arms for keeping more than one car (one of them untaxed) parked at the Palace of Westminster car park. Knight's recent involvement with the phantasmal and possibly nonexistent House of Commons Classic Car Club found him in further hot water. Letters singing Knight's praises for "his untiring efforts" in elping to bring about the classiccar tax concessions in this year's budget were faxed off to various car magazines. But Paddy Tipping, the Labour MP who looked into the matter, said he could find no record

of the club's existence, commenting:

"Unlike the vehicles it is said to represent, the club's vintage and pedigree seem shrouded in mystery, I checked in the House of Commons library and it is clear to me that the group does not exist."

ipping has reported the club to the Commons Administration Committee as bogus. Recent newspaper articles implying that Knight created the club and the press releases in order to bolster a flagging majority would, however, appear grossly

Unlike the Fifth Earl of Rose-

bery, whose three ambitions were win the Derby, marry an heiress and become Prime Minister", the MP for Derby North's plans for the future demonstrate that his dedication and loyalties lie with his car collection and the Tory leader: "If you were to ask me if I wanted to be Prime Minister I would have to say no - my ambition is to own the Cord.

doing a tremendous job anyway. The benefits of being a whip really come into their own with the arrival of the House recess because, as opposed to the responsibilities of

Besides, I think the present PM is

a departmental portfolio, a whip has less to do at this time," he says. "This summer I will be polishing the cars and driving them along the leafy lanes of Derbyshire: recess is only four weeks away and I can already smell the engine oil.

So, if, while wandering down such a green Derbyshire byway this summer, you are confronted by a frightening and menacing apparition - reminiscent, perhaps, of Kenneth Grahame's terror" - take cover, for it will more than likely be the Deputy Chief Whip in

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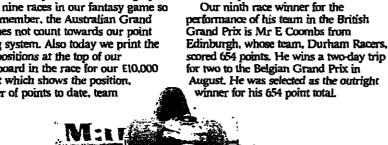
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Qualifying points are scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid: D Hill 20 points; J Villeneuve 19; M Schumacher 18; M Hakkinen 17; J Alesi 16; R Barrichello 15; G Berger 14: M Brundle 13; D Coulthard 12; E Irvine 11; HH Frentzen 10; U Katayama 9; J Herbert 8; M Salo 7; J Verstappen 6; O Panis 5; P Diniz 4; G Fisichella 3; P Lamy 2; R Rosset 1. Finishing points Finishing points are scored by the top 20 drivers at the end of every grand prix: J Villeneuve 20 points; G Berger 19; M Hakkinen 18; R Barrichello 17; D Coulthard 16; M Brundle 15; M Salo 14; H-H Frentzen 13; J Herbert 12; J Verstappen 11; G Fisichella 10. (No other finishers) Lap points one point for each tap completed: J Villeneuve 61 points; G Berger 61; M Hakkinen 61; R Barrichello 61; D Couithard 61; M Brundle 60; M Salo 60; HH Frentzen 60; J Herbert 60; J Verstappen 60; G Fisichella 59; J Alesi 44; O Panis 40; P Diniz 38; D Hill 26; P Lamy 21; R Rosset 13; U Katayama 12; E Irvine 5; M Schumacher 3. Improved position points three points for each place improved from starting grid to

finishing position: M Salo 21 points;

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and will be updated again on Wednesday

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FANTASY UPDATE

Our team's losing, so we'll change it

a disappointment for all of us. Even if there were a few unseemly jeers around the track when Michael Schumacher and Eddie Irvine retired so early, it has to be said that a race without the Ferraris is a colourless affair and when Damon Hill spun into the gravel that was the end of things for a lot of fans. Jacques Villeneuve richly deserved his victory, but if you have an FI Fantasy Drive team headed by Jean Alesi and Eddie Irvine it looked like a disaster. So after drifting further and further off the pace in our celebrity contest. Team Car 96 has decided to play its joker. We will take advantage of the rules which allow you to switch up to four drivers in an attempt to catch up with the likes of Jonathan Palmer (now more than 1,000 points ahead of us). Louise Aitken-Walker

Grand Prix was a bit of

and Nick Mason. With only six races to go, it would have been easy to plump for the Hill/Villeneuve combination. But an emergency meeting of the team managers Kevin Eason, The Times Motoring Editor, and Alan Copps, Editor of Car 96, in the Old Rose (Wapping's equiva-lent to the Maranello Trattoria) decided to remain faithful to the original concept of blind

faith allied to cock-eyed opti-mism and true patriotism. The latter allows us to adopt Damon Hill in Group A in place of Jean Alesi. Now Hill's under pressure it's our patriotic duty to back him. To take on Villeneuve would have made all the teams look the same, but we had to do something about Eddie Irvine because much as we love that Irish charm. Ferrari seems incapable of providing him with a finish. So welcome in, Gerhard Berger. Heinz-Harald Frentzen had to go since he's trailing badly in Group C while the McLaren drivers are both improving. To go for Hakkinen would again have smacked of imitation so with further patriotism we've adopted David Coulthard. We stick with our choices of

et's face it, the British Martin Brundle in Group D, and Pedro Diniz in Group E. the rather unlikely star of our team. No one else dared choose the Brazilian driver but his 613 Fantasy points, plus one real championship point in the Ligier, make him a useful entry.

Jos Verstappen on the other hand has failed to live up to early promise and his Fantasy score trails, although he's also scored one real championship point. So in Group F we're going for another entry no other team dared choose Ukyo Katayama, Tyrrrell's Japanese driver, partly on the grounds that after his wretched season so far, his luck just has to change soon and partly because he impressed Copps immensely by deliberately spinning his road car through 360 degrees twice during a recent interview. Fisichella and Montermini

retain their places in the last

two groups. Next week we will offer all the other celebrity teams a chance to change their line-ups. The method is ex-plained in the adjoining panel. Scores: I. Jonathan Palmer (Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Salo, Panis, Rosset, Badoer) 5,112 points; 2. Louise Aitken-Walker (Hill, Villeneuve, Coulthard, Herbert, Salo, Panis, Rosset, Badoer) 4,983; 3. Nick Mason (Schumacher, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Salo, Panis, Rosset, Badoer) 4,933; 4. Carol Vorderman (Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Herbert, Salo, Verstappen, Fisichella, Badoer) 4,885; 5. Stirling Moss (Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen. Brundle, Salo, Panis. Rosset, Montermini) 4,852; 6. Sir David Steel (Hill, Villeneuve, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Salo, Verstappen,

Montermini) 4,676; 7. Tess Stimson (Alesi, Irvine, Coulthard, Herbert, Salo, Panis, Rosset, Badoer) 4,624; 8. Chris Rea (Alesi, Irvine, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Salo, Verstappen, Rosset, Badoer) 4.512: 9. Lord March (Alesi, lrvine, Hakkinen, Brundle, Salo, Verstappen, Fisichella, Montermini) 4,302; 10. Car 96

DR DASHBOARD

Are MPs after political mileage?

I was ready to man the barricades when I heard that MPs voted themselves a 26 per cent pay rise last week, but is it true they offset it by voting to reduce their mileage allowances?

It's true, but like a lot of things in politics, only up to a point. They voted to replace a graded system which began at 23p a mile for small It's true, but like a lot of cars and gave them a seemingly-generous top rate of 74.1p a mile for large cars with a flat rate of 47.2p for all cars.

But surely the cost of motoring hasn't gone down. Were they just trying to salve their consciences?

We doctors usually fight shy of political diagnosis, but here it seems we were faced with a classic case of what the medical profession calls "a trade-off". Guilty consciences were helped along by the whips suggesting that a vote to cut allowances would make a vote for a big pay rise more acceptable.

I can see the point.
Anyway I thought MPs were supposed to set an example and drive small cars. Surely the graded rate would have encouraged them to buy Jaguars, BMWs and the like? A That was one of the arguments put forward in favour of a fixed rate.

although some MPs argued that they needed large, comfortable cars because of the amount of driving they do to and from their constituencies.

That's all very well but I don't have the chance to set my own mileage allow-ance and I think the one I've got is lousy. Is there anything I can do about it?

Well, these things are Well, these unings are always open to negotiation with your employer. But spectre of the remember the spectre of the Inland Revenue is lurking to demand its share of tax.

But how are unese anormal ances calculated? Surely everyone's circumstances are A That's right, but there are two good starting points for a negotiation. One comes from the AA in a leaflet called Motoring Costs 1996. It is an attempt to calculate the general costs of owning and running a car and it breaks those costs down into pence per mile. For the very reason you state, the AA emphasises that its figures are not a recommendation, although they are frequently accepted as a useful guide in negotiations. The other guideline comes from the Inland Revenue and is known as the Fixed Profit Car Scheme. It sets an allowance above which any reimbursement of mileage becomes taxable. You can get

Do these calculations take into account things like depreciation and the costs of buying an extended warranty?

details from your tax office.

The AA figures are calculated by combining two sets of figures: standing charges and running costs. The first includes depreciation and tentides depreciation and tentides. tion, road tax, insurance and, of course, AA membership. The second includes fuel, tyres, servicing and so on and makes an allowance for war-

Q. That sounds reasonable, so what are the AA's conclusions?

A It depends how big your car's engine is, whether it's petrol or diesel and on how many miles you do a year, but taking an annual average of 10,000 miles, the current figures to the nearest penny for petrol cars are: up to 1100cc. 25p; 1101 - 1400cc, 32p; 1401 -2000, 39p; 2001 - 3000cc, 64p; 3001 - 4500cc, 80p. The diesel rates are calculated on the new purchase price of the car. Again for an average 10,000 miles a year the rates are: cars costing up to £10,000, 29p; £10,001 - £15,000, 36p; over El5.000, 55p. For employers who pay flat rates, the Inland Revenue sets a tax-free allowance of 38.5p for the first 4.02 miles and 21p therafter.

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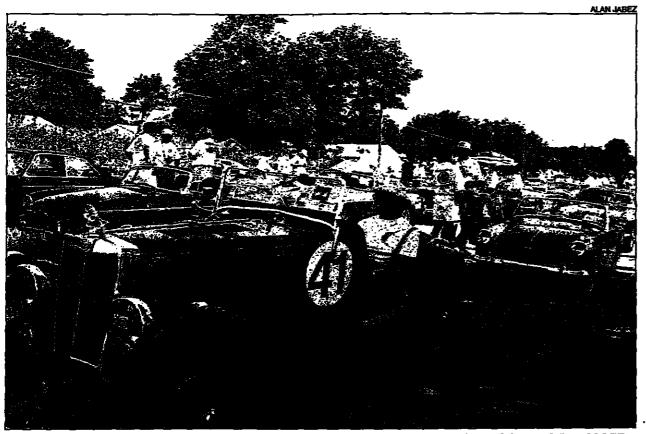
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Ardent fans of the British sports car converged from across the American content. Alan Jabez was there



It is 15 years since MG exported to America but many fine examples remain, especially of the much-loved MGB

MG-mania takes over Indianapolis

he good folk of Indianapolis must have wondered what had hit them. Though they are well used to the sight of fast cars and passionate car enthusiasis, their streets were taken over by the arrival of more than 1,200 MGs and their owners — the largest ever gathering of MGs in America.

They came from just about every state this month, with some people driving more than 2,000 miles. Others crossed the borders from Mexico and Canada, while a number of diehard enthusiasts from the UK flew across the Atlantic for the one-off occasion.

Gary Watson, president of the Houston MG Owners Club and producer of an award-winning documentary days." He did in the state of the country o



Fans hold many local shows and have their own museum

film on the history of MGs, was typically enthusiastic. "I have had this event listed in my diary since last year and have been counting down the days." He drove his 1977

Midget 1,200 miles to attend the event, and his only lament was that it lasted only for four

But Watson is just one of hundreds of Americans for whom their MG is almost a way of life. Another is John Twist, the owner of a restoration shop in Ada, Michigan. He has organised an MG party every year for the past 20 years and usually more than 400 enthusiasts show up. Meanwhile, in Walpole, New Hampshire, Gerry Goguen, a former trumpet player with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, has spent years building his own private MG museum which now aftracts hundreds

ca every year.

For many of these enthusiasts, the Indianapolis meeting

of visitors from across Ameri-

iasts, the Indianapolis is almost a religious experience—
even though it is 15
years since any
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MGs were exported to America.

During the golden age of the 1950s
and 1960s, MG
was at one time the
most popular imported car in America and was driven
by hundreds of

thousands of college students as their daily transportation. But while the MGT series and the more modern MGA certainly proved to be useful moneyspinners, the company hit the jackpot when the MGB was launched. Remarkably, nearly 70 per cent of the 500,000 plus cars which were made went straight to the West Coast, and tens of thousands are still on the roads — many in original condition.

Although hardened enthus-

iasts display their cars at the countless shows that are held across America every year, the Indianapolis event was the first time that the owners of all the different MG models have come together for one huge celebration.

The event included the usual awards ceremonies for the best car of its type — but one car that did not leature was the new MGF. Even though it was launched in the UK last year and production has already

passed the 8,000 mark, there are no plans to export it to America, either this year or at any time in the future. To many Americans, this is not just a huge disappointment but a naive marketing strategy that is akin to an ice-cream seller ignoring the seaside trade or a pub deciding to stop selling beer.

"There are certainly many people in America who would buy the car," claims Dick Knudson, a former university professor and founder of the highly respected New England MGT Register.

Last year, he organised a concerted letter-writing protest among American enthusiasts to get the car sold thereis but the bosses in Britain remained adamant the MGF will not cross the Atlantic. The effect of this, Knudson believes, is that a new generation of American sportscar enthusiasts will be lost forever to the more in-tune Japanese and American manufacturers.

American manufacturers.

Of course, one of the major problems the company would have if they did re-enter the world's biggest car market is who would actually sell the MGF. Since the pound flopped in the currency markets a few years ago, there are no longer any Rover cars (apart from Land Rover) sold in America and no established network of dealers.

But the company points to other reasons. "We are only geared for

MG was a maximum annual production of 20,000 cars," says the most Rover spokesman, Kevin Jones. He adds: "The US popular adds: market is so huge US car that when we do go back, we want to go import with a range of products and have

all the necessary back-up to make sure that the return will be a major such cess." Jones denies that the avoidance of the American market has anything to do with the manufacture of BMW's Z3 in South Carolina. a car not too dissimilar to the MGF. "The decision was taken in the UK before the two companies joined together," he says. But these words are of little comfort to the hundreds of American enthusiasts who gathered in Indianapolis.

Many would consider remortgaging their homes just to drive the new car, let alone actually own one.

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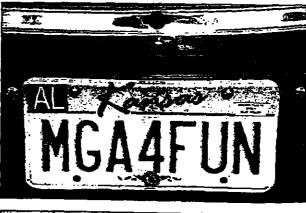
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Alas it seems they may have to be content with the consolation that the hot-weather testing of the car took place in Phoenix, Arizona. One enthusiast remarked this was like offering a child a handful of luxury toffees, but then covering its mouth with tape so it would never have a chance to enjoy the taste.



NEWS IN BRIEF

MOT price hike

Pees for the MoT test go up on August 1. The maximum for cars and light vans rises from £27.38 to £28.66 and for solo motorcycles from £11.52 to £11.90. The increases take account of inflation and also the cost to testing stations of buying gas analyser equipment needed to monitor emissions from vehicles fitted with a catalyst, according to the Department of Transport.

The department sets maximum fees but testing stations are free to charge less if they wish. "The MoT test continues to offer motorists good value for money. It represents a thorough once-a-year check that their vehicle is in a safe and environmentally acceptable condition," says Steven Norris, Road Safety Minister.

French open

Green Cards are no longer necessary for AA insurance customers travelling in Europe. This follows confirmation from the French Tourist office that British motorists will no longer be required to produce cards. Green cards have not been a legal requirement in EU countries for some time and British policies meet the legal minimum requirement in EU countries. However reports of British drivers being stopped in France had deterred the AA from dispensing with the cards, The French reassurance means they will no longer be necessary.

Miles per gallop A cavalcade celebrating 100 years of the British motor

car has been organised by the Brooklands Society as part of Ascot Charity Race Day at the Berkshire track next Friday. It will feature a range of vehicles stretching from an 1897 Daimler to a new Aston Martin DB7 Volante. Rare machines such as a Jowett, a Crossley and a Squire will also appear. Proceeds will be devoted to the King George's Fund for Sailors, The Missions to Seamen and the Royal Life Saving Society. Tickets: 01344 22211.



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